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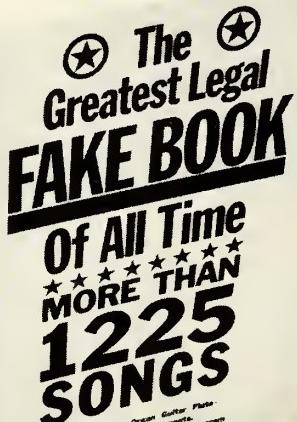


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Robert W. Steffy
Hartville, Ohio

day thinking. A lot of us out here could help them, but they know we would blow the whistle on them. There is no loyalty there, and those same people could be prisoners of anyone that confronts us. What good would their money be then?

Victor L. Dreyer Sr.
Keizer, Ore.

In The Red

The more I read about the massive slashing of DVA health-care benefits occurring because of the inadequate, decremental funding of the DVA health-care system, the more I wonder why more is not being said from veterans at the grass-roots level to their senators and congressmen. They are the ones responsible for this mess, and they are the only ones who can increase the DVA's budget or restore supplemental appropriations.

The news is so bad, with daily stories about further erosion of quality, eligibility, programs and accessibility, that the mind reels trying to comprehend the

Fraud And Greed

I enjoyed reading *The Gun That Couldn't Shoot Straight* (February). There are no excuses for this except fraud and greed.

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As you read this issue, think about Legion-eligible veterans you know who are missing the services of the Legion, the magazine and the friendship of the local posts. Ask them to join. Remember that there's strength in numbers, and the Legion wants to be 3 million strong to better serve you.

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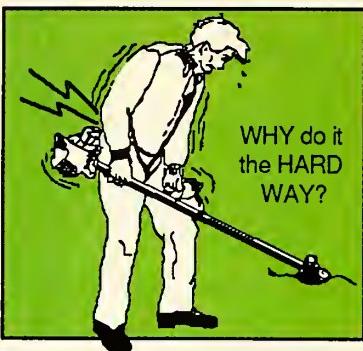
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reality of the federal government balancing huge budget deficits on the backs of veterans.

I think enough is enough, and I have told my senator, representative, the local newspaper, a local radio talk show, and veterans and civic organizations. We dare not roll over and take it without fighting back, or what you see now is only the beginning. The opening shot in reductions seems to have been new restrictions on beneficiary travel. The most recent casualty is the Category "B" and "C" veterans who are now billed for medical services received. I know a service-connected veteran who traveled 350 miles for an appointment made three months earlier, only to learn the orthopedic clinic was closed, and he was brusquely turned away. After that tragic humiliation, that veteran is now talking to his congressman.

The nearest DVA medical center to my home is operating in the red at the monthly rate of about \$110,000. It is also conducting a system-wide review of all services and programs to find ways to cut costs. Deep cuts in DVA-funded nursing-home care, pharmacy services, specialized services and surgeries, eligibility for alcohol and drug rehabilitation services, removal of 106 beds, and further staff reductions by attrition are all under consideration.

If there is not a massive response to Washington about the reductions of the DVA budget, then we will send the unintended message that we deserve and accept these massive cuts. We must send a message to Washington. Anything less is an admission of resignation and acceptance of this repugnant and immoral breaking of faith with America's veterans.

James Mowery
Athens, Ohio

Use Retirees

I read with interest the article by William J. Bennett "Soldier, Teacher, Sage" (Feb.), and he is correct when he states that "policies that discourage retired military people from teaching may be robbing our young students of excellent leadership."

What he failed to mention is that retired servicemen and women are not all officers. There are thousands of retired enlisted men and women,

myself included, who have degrees and are qualified to teach, who are real leaders, who can organize and motivate others as well as those who were commissioned. In fact, many are already in these jobs and doing well.

If Bennett is not aware of this, maybe he should be told that retirees, regardless of rank, make excellent teachers, instructors and administrators.

Anthony J. Cincotta Jr.
Berwick, Maine

Make 'em Write

I am writing this letter in hopes that it may stir up the members who read it to do the same thing I've been doing: writing to their congressmen about the unreasonable cutbacks in our veterans' hospitals.

The DVA is trying hard to eliminate services to non-service-connected veterans. That's wrong. In many cases, during World War II, there were instances where three men would be on the front lines. One would get shot and be medevaced home and later be medically discharged. The second would be captured and held as a prisoner of war. Both of these men should be cared for by the DVA.

But how about the guy who made it to the top of that hill without being shot or captured and spent the next three years fighting to win the war? I think he deserves health care, too.

Arthur L. Clark
Ocala, Fla.

Agent Orange

I am writing about the Agent Orange issue. I am a two-tour Vietnam veteran, Chairman of the Toxic Chemical Committee for VVA Chapter 311, Niles, Ill., and a member of the American Legion Post in Sauk Centre, Minn.

I commend the Legion for what it is doing about Agent Orange. My problem with all the studies concerns the amount of exposure each veteran received. If you were in country and drank the water, ate salads in the mess hall consisting of vegetables bought on the local economy, or walked through a sprayed area, you were exposed.

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MEMORIAL DAY: A TIME FOR REDEDICATION

OF ALL the days our nation sets aside to commemorate the people, traditions and events that have enriched our lives as Americans, there are none more meaningful than Memorial Day. Yet, despite the depth of our reverence for those who have fallen in battle, this sacred day of remembrance is also the most difficult to commemorate with words or deeds that seem fitting for the occasion.

More than a century ago, speaking in Arlington National Cemetery at the first official Memorial Day ceremony, Gen. James A. Garfield said: "I am oppressed with the sense of the impropriety of uttering words on this occasion. If silence is golden, it must be here beside the graves of 15,000 men whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung."

Since that day, more than 630,000 American men and women have given their lives so that our nation might endure. Like you, I well recall the faces of a few young men who were so full of life and hope, and who were personally dear to me. Now I have only memories of those young soldiers who loved America more than they feared death.

Gen. Garfield, too, probably held personal memories of lost friends when he reverently observed: "They summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country, they accepted death and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and virtue."

Yes, their task is done; ours remains before us. It summons us to remember that the honor and glory of no nation has ever faded so long as it acknowledged its lasting debt to its heroic dead; so long as it cared for their widows and orphans; so long as it paid freely and generously its debt to its broken soldiers



Nat'l Cmdr. H. F. "Sparky" Gierke

and to those so altered by war as to have returned unable to care for themselves. I believe that this, in part, is what is meant by keeping faith with those who have fallen in battle. This also, in part, is why The American Legion was founded amid the ruins of the Great War.

One of our founding principles stated that we would "preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars." We have done so by the character of our service to our fellow veterans and their families, and through our support for memorials honoring those who defended our nation. What better time than this Memorial Day to continue that noble tradition by individually supporting two national projects that deserve our help: the Korean War Memorial, and the Vietnam Women's Memorial, both of which will

be erected in Washington, D.C. (See page 35 for more information.)

While memorials are fitting tributes for all the world to see, we also need to look inward. Surely, there is no better time than Memorial Day to rechristen our faith in America and the precepts we hold dear. Surely, there is no more appropriate time than Memorial Day to pledge anew our allegiance to the flag we love. Surely, this is the time to rededicate ourselves to upholding and strengthening the institutions and values that so many Americans have fought, suffered and died to preserve.

But that is not enough.

This day should also serve to remind us that we have solemn obligations to perform as citizens of this great republic. I am a Vietnam veteran and I'm proud of my service in Vietnam. I, like many of you, have seen the twisted, scarred face of war and all that it has wrought. And I, like all of you, don't want any of my three sons or my daughter to experience what I have experienced, nor do I desire that they should feel the deep sense of loss that I feel when I think of those buddies I lost in Vietnam.

But more than that, I don't ever want to say goodbye to my sons as they ship out to fight in Nicaragua, Afghanistan, the Middle East, or some other battlefield because I did not do all that I could do as a citizen to combat tyranny, fight indifference or keep America strong.

"We, the people" must rededicate ourselves to reviving the true meaning of "politics"—a duty to be performed by every citizen, and not merely a trade to be plied by those who have chosen a vocation of public service. We must throw off personal apathy, and combat public indifference and civic ignorance. We must—each of us in our own states and communities—become involved in public life, and stand ready and willing to do those things that are necessary to

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European Supermarket

Western European countries have targeted 1993 for the creation of their internal free-trade market. The plan has been hailed by advocates as a step that will increase trade between the United States and Europe. However, some congressmen say the move will lead to increased protectionism against U.S. exports.

Although the U.S. government has generally encouraged the strengthening of the European Economic Community, concerns abound that the European protectionists will become powerful enough to convert the unified trading bloc into an economic fortress against our products. Such sentiment is already abundant in France and Italy, and the recent local elections in West Germany indicate a growing protectionist mood there, too.

The administration said it hopes Europe will become a partner in a free flow of goods, but the EEC ban against hormone-treated beef from the United States has raised doubts about the reception our country's exports will receive in a single-market Europe.

Expanding The Cabinet

Former President Reagan apparently learned he was swimming against the congressional tide in his early attempts to cut the Cabinet by eliminating the Secretary of Education as a post. Reagan not only gave up the idea, but eventually helped increase the Cabinet size when he lent his support to legislation that elevated the VA to Cabinet level.

The President's Cabinet, if anything, seems destined to get larger. Some lawmakers are disappointed that the new drug war czar is not on the Cabinet. The latest nominee for Cabinet rank is Secretary of the Arts and Humanities. The new agency would replace the National Foundation of the Arts and Humanities, established in 1965. Supporters of the legislation are convinced that the higher the status of the agency, the bigger the budget for our cultural life, which they argue is suffering an "artistic deficit." The 1989 budget provides about one-half of one percent of its total for the arts.

Deposits And Returns

A deposit and refund on most beverage containers may not be too far away. A bill titled the National Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act is gaining favor in the House.

The proposal would prohibit the sale of carbonated soft drinks, beer, wine coolers, mineral water or soda water in containers with no refund or deposit value. Beverage retailers and distributors would be required to refund the deposit when the containers are returned.

The bill is patterned after state legislation that has proven effective in reducing solid waste, cutting energy consumption, creating jobs and reducing litter in 10 states nationwide.

The bill's proponents cited Michigan's law as an example of the environmental improvements that could be achieved.

Ten years after Michigan imposed the law, there was a 7 percent reduction in solid waste in the state's streams; \$50 million in savings for landfill costs; huge energy savings; and an increase of more than 4,000 jobs.

Lawmakers, however, have yet to find the estimated \$10 million needed to fund the legislation.

Divorce, American Style

One of every three divorced Americans remarries, and for most of them, the second exchange of vows is with another divorced person, according to a recent report.

Statistics compiled by the National Center for Health indicate that men are older than their second brides. Divorcees and widows, however, are usually a year or two older than their second husbands.

Americans during the 80s showed more reluctance to return to the altar. In the 70s, 12 percent of the divorcees and 20 percent of the divorced men remarried. The latest figures reveal that only 9 percent of the once-wed women and 14 percent of the once-wed men are now willing to try again.

Among other findings, more first marriages occur in the summer than in the winter, but second and subsequent marriages tend to be spread evenly throughout the year.

Nuclear vs. Solar

Legislation to ban the use of nuclear power in U.S. space vehicles is expected to stir up considerable debate in Congress. The issue: nuclear power versus solar power in space.

While U.S. scientists experimented with nuclear-powered engines some years ago, current American efforts concentrated on solar power because it is believed to be more efficient and safer for orbit and inter-planetary missions.

The Soviets, however, are primarily researching nuclear-driven spacecraft, and some lawmakers fear that Moscow may be pulling ahead in the space race because of its experience with nuclear reactors. Others in Congress insist our nation's development of solar energy is sufficient for the job.

The debate may be won or lost over the question of safety. Opponents of nuclear reactors in space argue that an accident and fallout of radioactive debris could be disastrous.

Quote Of The Month

"I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Alexis de Tocqueville

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SHOULD THE MINIMUM WAGE BE INCREASED?

Rep. Gerald D. Kleczka, D-Wisconsin

I have introduced legislation in Congress to raise the minimum wage in America to \$4.35. We must act quickly to boost the wages of the poorest paid workers, the full-time, year-round minimum-wage workers who earn only \$6,968 per year. Since the wage was last increased in 1981, inflation has eroded its purchasing power by over 30 percent. Increasing the wage would save millions of Americans from poverty while reinforcing the values of hard work and self-reliance.

YES



Inflation has had a particularly devastating effect on minimum-wage workers who support families. Currently the yearly earnings of a minimum wage worker with two children provide a standard of living more than 24 percent below the poverty line. Increasing the wage would help these families to pull themselves out of poverty.

The growth of low-wage jobs across the country and in my home state makes it particularly important that we raise the minimum wage. It is certainly true that our economy has expanded in the past few years and many new jobs have been created. But the fact remains that in Wisconsin since 1979 there has been a net loss of high-wage jobs and a positive explosion in the numbers of low-wage jobs.

An astonishing 73 percent of the increase in employment in Wisconsin from 1979 to 1988 was in the low-wage sector of the economy. For instance, more than one-quarter of the increase in jobs was in the retail trade industry, which paid an average of just \$9,350 per year. How can anyone raise a family on this? It's impossible.

Unless we raise the minimum wage, the proliferation of low-wage jobs will continue and the wages of middle-class Americans could be undercut. Raising the minimum wage can help guarantee a bright economic future for all Americans.

More than 50 years ago, Franklin Roosevelt asked Congress to enact our first minimum-wage laws. In his message to Congress, Roosevelt said "Our nation, so richly endowed with natural resources and with a capable and industrious population, should be able to devise ways of ensuring to all our able-bodied working men and women a fair day's pay for a fair day's work." This is no less true today than it was 50 years ago. We must raise the minimum wage. □

Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas

Advocates of a substantial increase in the federally mandated minimum wage are wrong in thinking such an increase will improve the standard of living for those on the lowest rung of the economic ladder. The effect of their legislation will be to place that bottom rung out of reach for many, effectively blocking unskilled and inexperienced workers from entering the job market.

There is solid consensus among economists that minimum-wage increases price workers out of the labor market and increase unemployment. In 1979, economists Charles Brown, Curtis Gilroy and Andrew Cohen completed a comprehensive analysis of unimpeachable data demonstrating that a 10 percent increase in the minimum wage reduces teen-age employment by 1 percent to 2½ percent. The minimum-wage increase now contemplated by Congress would be an act of jobicide, estimated to kill nearly half-a-million jobs across the country.

If raising the minimum wage to \$4.35 per hour would raise the standard of living for the working poor, why stop there? Why not raise the minimum wage to \$20 per hour and bring the working poor clear into the middle class? While the logic is the same for raising the minimum wage to \$20 per hour as it is for \$4.35, the politics is not the same. At \$20 per hour, the employment effects become politically intolerable.

If we artificially raise the price of labor by mandating an increase in the minimum wage, common sense tells us that a surplus will result—a surplus called unemployment.

When a Dallas-based restaurant chain came fully under the minimum wage laws in the 1970s, it was forced to eliminate 8,000 jobs nationwide. Each of its 400 restaurants eliminated two hostesses, two busboys and 12 waiters, resulting in a 20 percent reduction in manpower. This is the market response we will see if we increase the minimum wage.

This negative hiring pattern will fall disproportionately on teen-agers, since over 60 percent of minimum-wage earners are under 25. With teen-age unemployment at 18 percent, and black teen-age unemployment a staggering 40 percent, Congress should be looking for ways to expand our economy and make it easier for businesses to hire unskilled young workers, not pricing them out of the market.

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SENIORS IRATE ABOUT INSURANCE SURTAX

By Oliver Starr Jr.

MANY congressional sponsors of the Medicare Catastrophic Insurance Coverage Act are flabbergasted by the response to their new law. They thought seniors would be ecstatic over their expanded coverage, especially in hospital care.

However, millions of senior citizens are boiling mad after belatedly discovering that the added benefits not only duplicate some of the coverage they already have, but also will be accompanied by what many are calling a whopping surtax and a hefty monthly premium increase. They are demanding outright repeal of the law or a complete overhaul.

In Las Vegas, a group called Seniors Coalition Against the Catastrophic Act, has gathered at least 80,000 signatures demanding the repeal of the law. California Rep. Robert Matsui said the protests from seniors are the most intense he has seen in his 10 years in Congress.

Federal retirees, who already had comparable catastrophic coverage as part of their health benefits, are livid at the prospect of having to pay for coverage they already have earned.

Working seniors are angry, too, because they already have better or similar coverage provided free by their employers. The same is true of millions of other retirees whose former employers in the private sector are paying for catastrophic coverage. Two national surveys made for the Department of Health and Human Services found that about 66 percent of those on Medicare had some



UPROAR—While the law's additional hospital coverage has received a mixed reception, the surtax has many seniors up in arms.

form of private health insurance. Most of the time, this insurance provides some degree of catastrophic health insurance.

Both of these studies were considered by backers of the Catastrophic Act before it was enacted, according to a member of the staff of the Senate Finance Committee headed by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Texas. The staffer said even though two-thirds of those on Medicare had supplemental coverage, the protection for catastrophic illness had enormous variations and large gaps, such as no payments for hospital deductions.

Even some retirees who had no catastrophic insurance are unhappy. They resent having to make large tax payments for a program they didn't choose or want.

Gordon Brown, national secretary of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, said the majority of NARFE's half-million members are "very upset" by having to pay for catastrophic insurance that duplicates present

coverage. Brown said about 95 percent of NARFE members eligible for Medicare have catastrophic insurance through the federal employees' health benefit law.

The monthly premium of all beneficiaries was increased by \$4 at the start of 1989, bringing it to \$31.90, or \$382.80 for the year. This will rise to \$10.20 per month in 1993 and \$457.20 a year.

But, the shocker is the "supplementary premium," a 15 percent surtax of \$22.50 on each \$150 of income taxes owed, with a cap of \$800 annually for those with a yearly tax bill of \$2,858 or more. Thus, when the monthly premium is added to this, the maximum cost will be \$1,182.80 in 1989. Married couples' maximum payment will be twice this amount.

The surcharge will rise to 28 percent in 1993, or \$42 per each \$150 of tax liability, with a cap of \$1,050 for a person with a tax liability of \$3,750.

Better-off seniors complain that this progressive surcharge will force them to foot the bulk of the surtax, while some 60 percent of those on Medicare will pay little or no surtax. On average, a person earning \$10,000 or less will pay no supplemental premium. Someone earning \$15,000 per year will pay an average of \$68. The surcharge cap won't be reached until the taxpayer's income reaches about \$45,000.

Brown said this is the first time "that Congress has enacted a social program and forced the beneficiaries of that program to bear the entire cost." This sets a dangerous precedent, Brown said, which could lead various groups of Americans to wonder why they should support taxes that don't directly benefit them.

Philip Jos, professional affairs specialist in the Health Care Financing Administration of HHS, said Congress decided to have the Medicare beneficiaries pay the full cost of the new program because it didn't want to put another tax burden on workers already heavily

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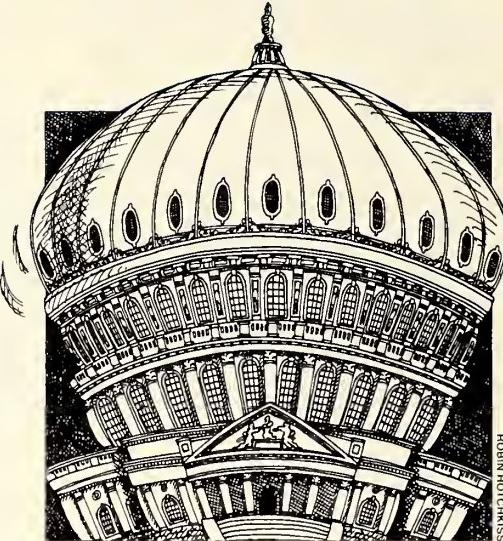
THAT post-election caper by Congress to give itself a 51 percent pay raise resulted in a public relations nightmare with a morning-after headache. Stunned by an unprecedented outpouring of protests from angry taxpayers, the House of Representatives in February voted to rescind the pay hike only hours before it would have taken effect.

Renewed scrutiny has been devoted to these controversial honoraria for members' speeches to special-interest groups. Members of Congress were paid about \$10 million for the honoraria.

To critics, this amounts to thinly disguised "influence buying." Yet to receive full public notice is a planned 17 percent increase in congressional operating expenses—\$2.5 billion for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1.

Even in this age of gargantuan federal spending, \$2.5 billion is hardly peanuts; it works out to about \$4.5 million for each of Congress' 535 members. Most of the funds will be used to pay an army of about 20,000 staffers. Also, "official mail" will cost \$114 million, almost double the current year's postal budget of \$61 million.

Next year's operating budget also includes an almost 100 percent increase for the Senate President Pro Tempore's office. The House Speaker's office will receive \$3.5 million—compared to \$680,000 last year—for something called a "civic achievement" program for school children. Not surprisingly,



ROBIN HOTCHKISS

critics are asking "Is Congress worth it?"

In addition to their salaries, congressmen receive a multitude of fringe benefits, including generous pensions that account for about one-third of the congressional payroll. Among other perquisites: free or subsidized medical care, cut-rate meals and haircuts, a private gymnasium, and a "PX" that provides many business and personal items at wholesale prices. Uncle Sam also furnishes free business-related travel, frequent overseas junkets and mail privileges. Each member also is allowed a staff of up to 22 persons.

But that's not all. There are 38 standing committees and more than 250 subcommittees in Congress, each with its own retinue of aides and assistants. To house this expanding conglomerate of people, Congress occupies 12 buildings, in addition to the Capitol building itself. There's now a master plan for still more congressional offices that would spill beyond Capitol Hill to surrounding areas.

The legislative explosion has far outpaced the country's population growth. Since 1970, the population has increased by 7 percent; congressional staffs have mushroomed by 43 percent. Today, there are about 20,000 people on

House and Senate staffs. To critics in and out of government, Congress has become too big and powerful for its own good and the country's good as well.

Former Rep. Howard Pollock of Alaska, writing in *Lincoln Review*, a Washington quarterly, charged that Congressmen are "bleeding American citizens with higher and higher taxes as the solution to every evil and arrogantly appropriating to themselves billions of dollars in ever-higher salaries and allowances, increased staff, additional travel on junkets and the campaign trail, all to perpetuate themselves in office." Among needed reforms, said Pollock, is a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, and a line-item veto for the President so he can curb "pork-barrel" spending.

In a forthcoming book, *The Imperial Congress: Crisis in the Separation of Powers* (Pharos Books, New York), Gordon S. Jones calls today's congressional system "a monument to failure." Writes Jones: "Congress insists on 'micromanaging' the federal government; it passes laws for others from which it exempts itself, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Ethics in Government Act of 1978; and it has rigged the election process, including the gerrymandering of congressional districts, to assure incumbents virtual tenure of life."

Concluded former Rep. Thomas Hartnett, a South Carolinian elected in 1980 who served three terms in Congress before retiring to private life, "We have to place a lid on federal spending, and we can help our representatives from being scared to do it. It is time that we told them that after a limited number of terms, we will give you a gold watch, a brass band, put you on a bus, send you home and let you live under the laws you passed while you were in Congress." □

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Why The Soviets Left AFGHANISTAN

By Philip C. Clarke

SHORTLY before the Moscow summit conference last year, Georgi Arbatov, the Kremlin's expert on U.S. relations, told American reporters: "We are going to do something terrible to you. We are going to deprive you of an enemy."

The Soviet Union's withdrawal from Afghanistan appears to have gone a long way toward that objective.

Although Moscow has conceded failure in its nine-year effort to subjugate Afghanistan by military force—after laying waste to the country and killing 1 million of its people—Mikhail Gorbachev obviously believed it was strategically more important to polish his peaceful image with the West, especially if it meant reacquiring badly needed Western technology. The Afghan adventure, in which at least 40,000 Soviet soldiers were killed or wounded and billions of rubles were squandered, was written off as a costly blunder by the late and now discredited Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev. Gorbachev had bigger and more immediate goals to pursue, namely détente with the West and *perestroika* (restructuring) of the Soviet Union's failing economy and over-extended global empire. But Moscow might try to create a Soviet protectorate along Afghanistan's northern border with the USSR where the Red Army already has built numerous fortified installations.

Also, there was a chance that some of the 15 or more factions of the *mujahedin* would turn on one another in a bloody civil war, allowing the Soviet-backed



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GOING HOME—A happy Soviet soldier waves goodbye during the troop withdrawal from Kabul.

regime of President Najibullah to remain in power. After Moscow agreed to the Soviet withdrawal in the U.N.-sponsored Geneva Accords of April 1988, Kremlin diplomats began a furious round of negotiations with resistance leaders at refugee centers in Saudi Arabia, Iran and Pakistan, trying to sell the idea of a coalition government with Najibullah's ruling Marxist party in Kabul. The *mujahedin*'s seven-party alliance based in Pakistan, though vying for control over the council that would govern post-war Afghanistan, held firm against Moscow's pressure. The resistance leaders sensed that once Soviet forces had left, Najibullah's regime would soon collapse or be overthrown by *mujahedin* forces ringing the capital.

The immediate prospect was for more fierce fighting. Before leaving, the Soviets reinforced Kabul's shaky

conscription army with large shipments of arms and ammunition, including advanced rocket launchers and armored cars. But the tough Afghan freedom fighters endured for years against everything the high-powered Red Army could throw at them. In fact, the *mujahedin* claim to have about 40,000 of their best holy warriors ready for the final assault.

President George Bush has said the United States would play a "catalytic role in helping to bring about stability—hopefully in a government where the people have a lot of say, but it won't be easy." The White House said U.S. aid would include efforts to rebuild the war-ravaged country and help in the eventual repatriation of more than 5 million refugees and resettlement of another 2 million people left homeless.

The Afghan war also has cost Pakistan heavily from cross-border raids by Soviet aircraft and countless bomb attacks by Kabul's infamous, KGB-trained secret police known as WAD. According to Richard L. Armitage, at press time still assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, since 1985 there have been more than 1,500 "incursions" by air into Pakistani territory, which together with Afghan-based artillery and rocket attacks have caused more than 1,250 casualties. WAD agents also are strongly suspected of planting a bomb aboard the plane that exploded in flight over Pakistan this past August, killing Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia, American ambassador Arnold Raphael and 28 others, many high-ranking Pakistani military officers. Only hours before the fatal plane crash, Soviet spokesmen warned Zia to cease supplying arms to the *mujahedin* or face dire consequences. Despite the Soviet's withdrawal from Afghanistan, to all victims of communist terror and aggression, Moscow clearly is still the enemy. □

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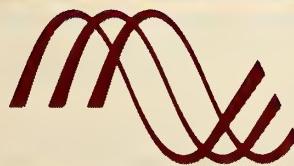
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ON Memorial Day, I remember Michael Jay Warren. We met on a chilly, rainy morning in November 1967 in Phu Bai, Vietnam. The day before, my first in-country, had been difficult. No matter how hard I had tried to "look cool, act cool, be cool," I failed miserably.

A second lieutenant in stateside fatigues, unarmed, confused and carrying a too-full duffle bag just did not blend in well. Like a tow truck approaching a stranded motorist, Mike greeted me with a firm handshake, a friendly "welcome aboard" and a warm smile.

He understood my discomfort immediately. Later, he was to kid me often: had I been in a firefight or on a binge on my way from the airport? As he walked with me to requisition combat equipment, I found myself relaxing. At each stop, he'd introduce me, state my need (boots, fatigues, canteens, etc.) and make sure I was given the best available. His command presence, his experience and his ease with others all impressed me. Could I measure up? Would we be friends?

At lunch that same day, Mike and I shared more about ourselves: his upbringing of Presbyterian stock in Moline, Ill., and mine, Irish Catholic in Dorchester, Mass. The Marine Corps was definitely not a career for either of us; more to the point, the status of Marine Corps officer gave us each a chance to go places far beyond the confines of our youths. Vietnam was a hurdle we needed to overcome. How high a hurdle? Mike worried. He'd had a close call. The idea of his death struck me as ridiculous. I was the one to worry. Mike had done well in combat and would be transferred in a while to a safer staff job.

Our time together was all too brief. I remember a day in mid-January 1968, when our company had been sent out to secure an area in front of Khe Sanh. My platoon was to establish a defensive position in eight-foot-tall elephant grass along a deep ravine. I was furious, cursing out stupid staff officers who

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ASK ME ABOUT

MIKE WARREN

...even if it hurts both of us

Since Memorial Day 1968, little has changed for two Vietnam War buddies. For one, it is a day filled with painful memories. For the other, it's another day of eternal peace.

By David S. Harrington

constantly endangered us with unreasonable assignments.

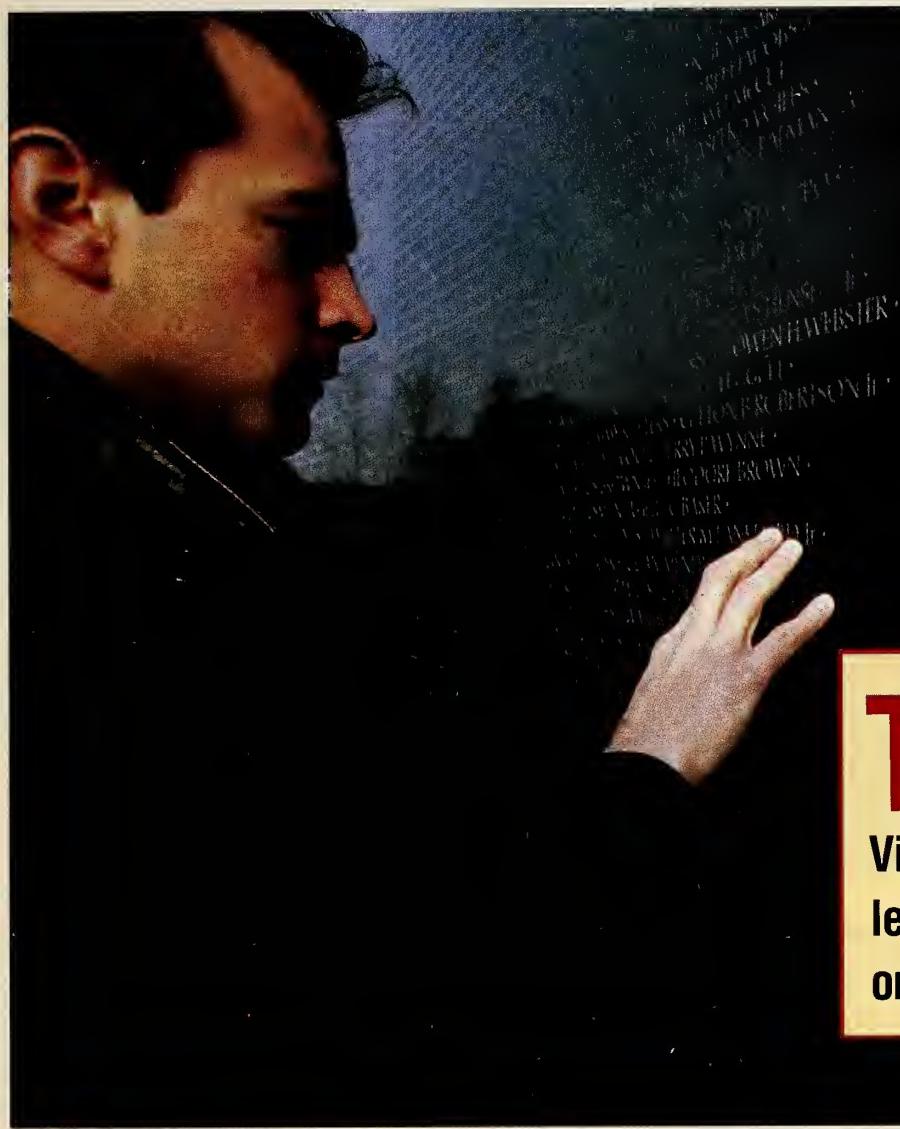
Mike walked into my platoon command post just as I was finishing my last string of epithets. He held up the latest issue of *Stars and Stripes* for me to read the headline: "Paris Peace Talks Stalled; Debate Shape of Table." Mike analogized diplomats, tables and Paris to staff officers, ravines and Khe Sanh. He laughed at the irony. From there, we were off talking about France and Europe, even planning to drive around Europe together.

Our last conversation took place while sitting in elephant grass outside Khe Sanh. The night was dark, chilly and damp—typical of the monsoon season in that part of Vietnam. Mike recalled the fun times at Coe College yet fretted about a career direction. He was fond of a young woman back in Moline, but worried that he was too

young and inexperienced for marriage. He was happy to be leaving our infantry company, but wondered whether we would keep in touch.

Mike was committed to our friendship. Several times he managed to send us socks, beer, extra whatevers. He had a sixth sense for the shortage of the week and knew several helicopter pilots who were willing to make an extra trip for him. I got a couple of notes—he was fine but missed the excitement and the friendships. Seven weeks after Mike's transfer, the morning helicopter let off a Marine returning from the rear with a note for me from the company first sergeant. "Lt. Harrington," he wrote, "I regret to inform you that Lt. Warren was killed last night in a helicopter crash. Top." Just like that Mike was gone.

His parents, Clarence and Ruth Warren, wrote, "Lt. Harrington, Mike



THE WALL—A visitor to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., sees the name of someone he once knew.

did not write often. We have him home with us. But we know so little of what his life was like those last few months. Could you tell us something more?" I involved the whole company in this project: we collected pictures of Mike, and many of us wrote notes. We mailed our large manila love letter to the Warrens. A few weeks later, they wrote back, "Thank you all so much for your kind words and pictures. It will always be so important to us that Mike had so many friends."

In mid-January 1969, while I was on my way back to Vietnam for a second tour, my plane landed at Quad Cities Airport. Clarence and Ruth met the plane. Mike had his dad's physique and his mom's warmth and ease. Each of us

worked hard to keep our emotions in check. As I set down my bag, a small one this trip, in Mike's room, his mementos blurred through my tear-filled eyes.

Ruth came up to the room to suggest plans for the evening: "David, there's a high school basketball game tonight. It's Mike's old high school team. We've been ticketholders for years. We'll have dinner afterwards. Would you mind wearing your uniform? Are you hungry enough for a hot dog now?"

Was I impressed! In Boston, the public high schools had old uniforms, small gyms and poor attendance. Here in Moline, the gymnasium was bright and large, the crowd filled every seat; the band played as cheerleaders pranced. Spectators, mostly family friends, came over to say hello; Clarence and Ruth swallowed their pain and smiled. "We are delighted David

"could be here with us," Ruth said over and over.

Suddenly, as if one, the crowd hushed, stood and faced one end of the gym where, as the building darkened, a single spotlight shone on the American flag. Everyone sang. Immediately afterward, as we all sat down, the spotlight glared in my eyes: the announcer's voice boomed in my ears: "Lieutenant David Harrington, would you please stand? Ladies and gentlemen, Lieutenant Harrington, a friend of Mike Warren, is visiting with Clarence and Ruth. Would you give him a warm round of applause?"

I don't know who won the game, even though I pay attention to such things. I do know dinner the next night was rough. Clarence took out maps, pictures and letters and wanted me to retrace Mike's footsteps. Clarence and

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The Mystique Of ADVERTISING

Although often maligned, the advertising industry is a major reason why America enjoys the world's highest standard of living. Without it we would not learn about the new or improved products and services that make our lives better.

Public opinion polls consistently rate those who work in the advertising profession near the bottom of the barrel in terms of ethics and public respect. "That's a cross we should not have to bear," says DeWitt Helm, president of the Association of National Advertisers. The advertising industry put more than \$200 billion into the economy last year, says Helm, and is a "catalyst, a stimulus . . . a factor intimately tied in with production, employment and our high living standards."

American Legion Magazine: In 1988, Americans spent \$200 billion on advertising. What do people get for all that money?

DeWitt Helm: The principal thing they get is the highest standard of living in the world. Also, advertising is a primary source of information for consumers. It is through advertising that people learn of new products and services, and improvements in products and services, thereby becoming acquainted with what is available to pursue a better life. Advertising also creates economies of scale—efficiencies that help make the marketplace more competitive and result in savings to the consumer.

Q. But don't such heavy ad costs inflate the prices of the goods we buy?

A. Not really. The \$200 billion you mentioned represents 2 percent of the gross national product. It's interesting that this percentage has held constant during the past 35 to 40 years. Our percentage of the GNP has not gone up; adver-

tising has grown as the economy has grown, very much in parallel.

Advertising can create new efficiencies in the economy, thereby reducing prices, particularly in markets that are highly competitive and where manufacturers are vying for a share of the market. Advertising extols the benefits of one manufacturer's goods over his competitor's, and it can create economic efficiency.

Q. How do you account for the extremes in the way people view advertising?

A. That is a hard question to answer. Some people see advertising as an intrusion—TV advertising particularly. We often hear the comment, "Oh, I wish there weren't so much advertising. There are more ads than there is program content." The thing that is overlooked is that advertising pays for programming. The programming we have on television and on radio is really supported by advertisers. Without that revenue we would not have the programming and certainly would not have the quality of programming.

Q. The average person is exposed to about 2,000 ad messages each day. What is the effect of such hammering on the human consciousness?

A. I'm not sure all that exposure necessarily hammers on the consciousness. There are times when we tune things out and times when we are more receptive to what is being communicated to us, whether it is in the written word, the spoken word or visually. This says to me, among other things, that advertising has to compete for attention and has to be



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IN EFFECT, placing restrictions on advertis- ing limits the rights of the people to receive information.

never used? It is high. So I don't know that anyone has suffered from being subjected to too much advertising.

Q. How do you get advertisers to cut down on the overkill of messages, for instance, television?

A. Well, I'm not sure you can. The proliferation of products and services and rising cost of advertising have created a cause-and-effect relationship that requires more ads. The 60-second commercial used to be very much in vogue, then came the 30-second commercial, now the 15-second commercial is becoming the standard or the medium most used by advertisers. There are, of course, limits on the number of commercial messages in any given time period; those are imposed by government regulations. I don't know if we'll get any reduction in information, though. We live in an era of information explosion that is not just related to advertising.

able to break through a certain resistance or barrier that the consumer may have because of being subjected to so much information. The message really has to be something provocative, interruptive and informative for it to penetrate.

Q. But you don't think the average person is harmed by this?

A. What percentage of our

Just think about the number of new products introduced every year, whether it is groceries or over-the-counter medicine.

Q. So, advertising reflects the dynamism of the American economy?

A. That's right. Advertising is an investment that the manufacturer makes. Unless there is a return on that investment, the manufacturer doesn't continue. He can't continue.

Q. People got sick of the mudslinging political ads we saw in the 1988 elections. Are such ads really effective? And how can negative advertising be reduced?

A. I am not sure the advertising was as negative as the media represented it to be. One of the news programs the Sunday before the election pointed out that Harry Truman had likened Tom Dewey to either Hitler or Mussolini. Despite all the alleged mudslinging in the past election, we had nothing that bordered on that. It seems to me that any time somebody disagrees with the point of view of somebody else, then the commercial is negative. If you agree, it's OK; but, if you disagree, it is negative.

Q. Do you think these ads were really effective?

A. Some better than others. Some of the advertising was very effective. Perhaps the campaign ads were more effective than the debates or the speech writing, because they registered single messages in a very condensed time-frame. They were well-produced by both parties.

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I S T H E C O L D W A R O V E R ?

Only time will tell if Gorbachev's radical reforms are sincere or just ploys. Till then, the best policy for the West is to encourage glasnost, but continue to maintain a strong defense posture.

BY DR. TIMOTHY W. STANLEY

DE PENDING on who you ask, you can get almost any answer to the question: What does the Gorbachev era really mean to the United States? Apart from wider considerations, it literally may be the \$64 billion question concerning future U.S. defense spending.

Skeptics note that recent Soviet rhetoric has not been matched by actual changes in military deployments or resources devoted to defense. Also, they fear that even if *perestroika* (restructuring) works, the West could eventually face a Soviet Union as aggressive

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and hostile as ever, only more modern and efficient, and thus better able to spread the Marxist-Leninist dogma around the world.

Optimists, on the other hand, believe the Cold War is over and that the Soviet Union is maturing into a peace-conscious nation that will continue to function as a competitive superpower: one which we need fear no longer and with which we can achieve cooperative and mutually beneficial relations.

If the latter scenario happens, then the General Secretary's remarkable speech at the United Nations Dec. 7, 1988, certainly will give Americans another—and a more pleasant—reason for remembering that date. Indeed, the world community would have a basis to hope for a better and saner planet.

The correct answer, however, may be neither of the above, simply because no one knows, not even Mikhail Gorbachev, how the Soviet reforms will change the nation. Many Soviet officials and private citizens share that

uncertainty. Why? Because the radical reforms are so unprecedented and far-reaching concerning the nature, goals and governance of the Soviet Union, that forecasting their outcome is at best, risky, and at worst, extremely dangerous for the West.

Remember, these changes are really a *troika* (three-horse team) of economic restructuring, or *perestroika*; *glasnost*, or openness; and a new thinking in world affairs. All are necessary if Gorbachev and his new leadership are to turn

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public apathy into energetic participation, gradually introduce price reform and economic incentives, and foster an environment in which it is safe to beat some of the swords into plowshares.

For a society that had stagnated for more than a decade and seemed destined to have a Third World economy and a second-class military power, there seems to be little argument in the USSR about these goals. Even the Soviet military seems prepared to accept fewer guns now for modern guns later. But the questions of what, where, when and how the goals are to be carried out are vigorously debated throughout the land. In particular, introducing market-pricing mechanisms—supply and demand—into a former bureaucratically operated command economy is almost without precedent. The Chinese communists' experience with it to date is not entirely encouraging.

Also there are issues of what Americans would call "states' rights," especially as a new Soviet constitution takes shape; the Soviet elite fear that their privileges are in jeopardy; communist managers dread competition and the possibility of bankruptcy, a previously unknown concept; and the

twin powder kegs of the Soviet nationalities—the decreasing Russian nationalism and the restless European nationalism—threaten to explode. Consequently, *perestroika* and its companion concepts could fail just as easily as they could succeed.

Failure could take the form of harmless paralysis. But the changes could also destabilize or even disintegrate the Soviet empire, and enabling an unorganized or anarchist faction to control the Soviet's nuclear arsenal is dangerous, if not deadly. More likely, if failure loomed because of any of the obstacles mentioned, a new hard-line leadership would take over. To do so, it would probably have to reimpose some type of neo-Stalinist domestic controls,

because the genie of *glasnost* will be hard to place back in the lamp. Such a junta would be inclined toward aggression abroad, if only to generate distraction and public support at home. After all, the repressions and forced sacrifices imposed on the Soviet people were justified by the Marxist-Leninist mission in the world.

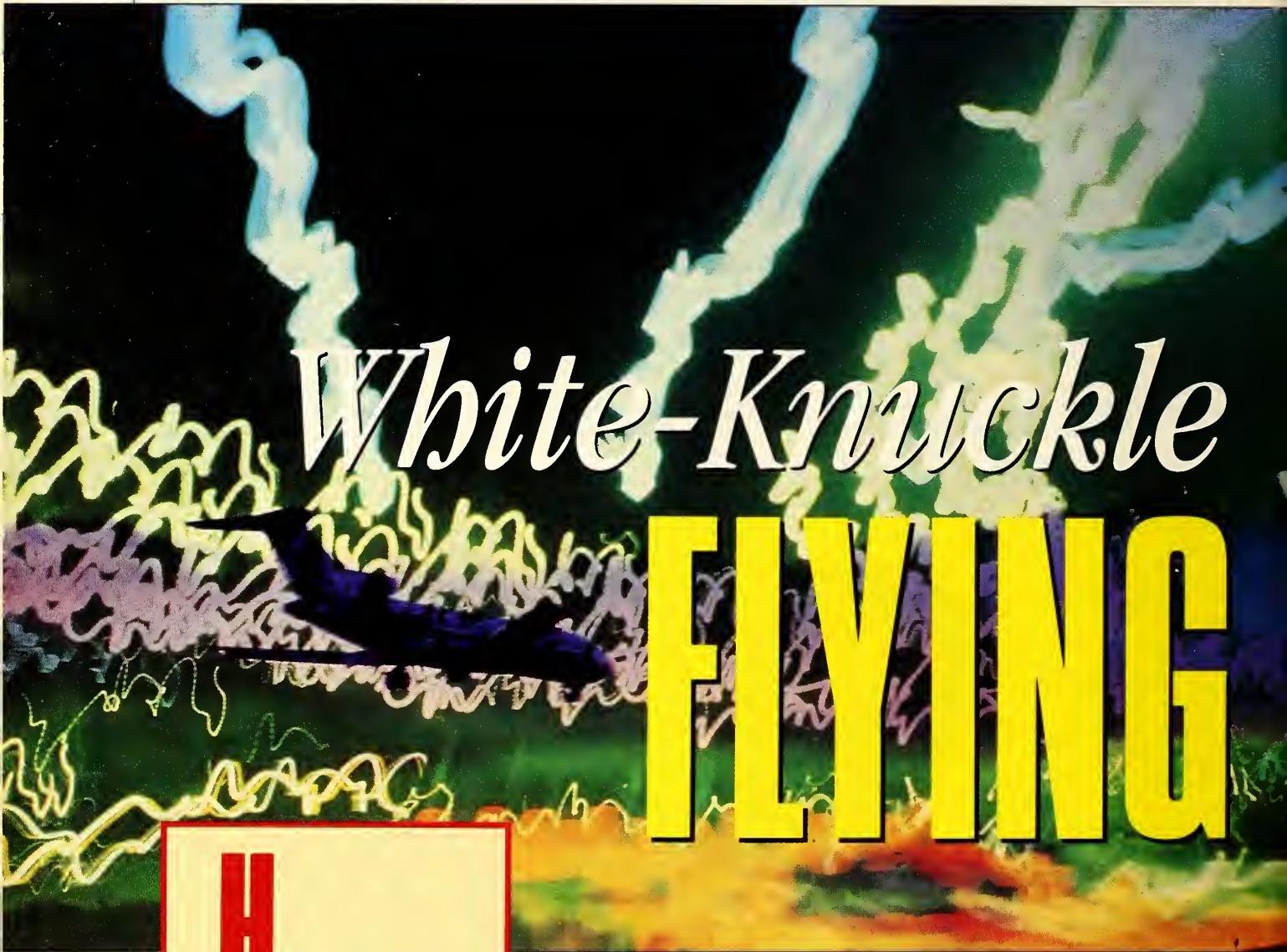
Success could lead to either a reinvigorated adversary or to a totally different Soviet Union willing to work for genuine strategic stability and mutual security. The odds seem to favor the

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NEW HOPE?—As it has for several decades, the prospect of world peace depends on closer U.S.-Soviet relations.





How To OVERCOME YOUR FEAR OF FLYING

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By Phyllis Zauner

WE ARE more likely to die in a bathtub than on an airline flight, and more liable to be struck by lightning on a golf course or over-anesthetized on the operating table than go down in a crash.

• During the past 25 years, America's commercial airlines have flown more than 135 million hours with just 138 fatal accidents; in every one million safe hours, only one crash.

• During 1986 and until August 1987, U.S. scheduled airlines transported 700 million people an average of

1,000 miles, through 10 million takeoffs and landings in all kinds of weather without a single passenger fatality.

• On the highways, 130 lives are lost daily; in the air the yearly average is 120.

To most people, those numbers are heartening. But for the 25 million fearful or phobic flyers in the United States, air travel seems shivering unsafe. Caught up in a sort of negative self-hypnosis, they fixate on the details of every crash, exaggerating them in imagination.

Hands turn icy, hearts pound, and they sweat. When the plane banks right,

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they lean left to keep the jumbo jet from flipping over. Turbulence suggests the pilot has lost control. One woman, on her third anxious flight in two months, suddenly grabbed a stranger next to her and asked if they were going to crash.

What the fearful flyer dreads most may not be the crash at all, but the fear of having a panic attack in the air and doing something really silly, like screaming "Let me out of here!"

A Boeing International survey found that one in six flyers gets the willies when it's time to take to the skies. For some, the affliction affects careers, causing them to pass up job opportunities that involve travel.

Although most go through their whole lives in recurring fright about flight, a few finally decide to get help.

"You are not born with the fear of flying, and you can master it," said Carol Stauffer, who has been helping to cure aerophobia for 13 years through USAir's Fearful Flying Program. The airline sponsors 10 seven-week programs annually in various cities.

Psychologist Stauffer and pilot Capt. Frank Petee teach the classes. The basic premise is that information is a solid weapon against a rabid imagination. The goal is to crowd out panic of the unknown with facts.

Students are taught relaxation techniques. They're gradually desensitized to airplanes by spending sessions first in a plane on the ground, then taxiing and aborting two takeoffs, and finally in the air in a one-hour graduation, for which they may invite a supportive friend.

"If you can train your body to relax at will," Stauffer said, "even in an anxiety-producing situation you can control your fear instead of it controlling you. A fearful flyer has learned to be tense and anxious." She recalled a participant who kept a scrapbook of newspaper accounts of air accidents. "He'd page through it periodically, reinforcing his panic."

White-knucklers are often plagued by other phobias, especially claustrophobia. One woman said she'd fly anywhere in the world if they would just leave the plane door open. To a lesser degree, fear of heights underlies the problem, though taking an aisle seat usually relieves the feeling of being drawn downward.

The ultimate fear, though, is far subtler. Said Dr. Albert Forgione, a professor of psychology at Tufts University, "Basically air-travel anxiety is caused

AIR-TRAVEL ANXIETY IS CAUSED BY THE THREAT OF NOT BEING IN CONTROL.

by the threat of powerlessness, of not being in control. Whether we feel trapped by the cabin enclosure, dependent on a metal mechanical contraption that's supposed to defy the law of gravity, at the mercy of the competence of the pilot, panicked by turbulence, or ashamed to show our fear in public, it's the feeling of powerlessness that's behind fear of flying."

Capt. T. W. Cummings, a Pan Am pilot who has cured thousands of cases of flight fear, found that "these are people who pride themselves on being in control at all times. On one level, they don't like handing over their safety to a pilot. On another, they are deeply concerned they will get hysterical and make a fool of themselves."

THE USAir program helps participants get a grip on their fears by taking them to the maintenance center, where they learn that jet airlines undergo five hours of maintenance for each hour of flight. They learn about the rigid training a pilot has to undergo. They see how the automatic pilot works; they visit the air traffic control tower where controllers hover over screens watching the blips of the airplanes as they direct air traffic. Most important, they learn how flaps and ailerons work, and that if one engine fails the plane will fly on another. A reassuring fact is that if all engines fail, barring major fire, the plane can actually glide to safety.

Some people fly for years with no qualms whatsoever, then for no apparent reason, start to panic. "I flew as a child and as a teen-ager with no problem," said Mary Hogan of Oakland, Calif. "Then something happened. I don't know what. There was no incident, no in-air mishap, no dead friend, no thunderstorm over the Rockies. Just relentless anxiety when I flew."

Capt. Tom Bunn, a United Airlines

pilot who has developed a series of cassette tapes to combat flight fear, said he believes this delayed reaction comes from increased responsibilities. "You're no longer that carefree youth; you get a family, have a responsible position—suddenly you start worrying about flying and don't even know why."

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HOW SAFE ARE WE?

A majority of Americans say flying on commercial airlines is more dangerous today than five years ago, but safer than it was in 1987, according to a recent Gallup poll.

SAFETY TREND OF U.S. AIRLINES

	1989	1987
Safer	9%	5%
Less Safe	52	64
Stayed the same	36	28
No opinion	3	13

GOVERNMENT'S SAFETY EFFORTS

	1989	1987
Doing all it can	29%	31%
Not doing enough	62	55
No opinion	9	14

WHERE TO SEEK HELP

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"Air attack on Japanese carriers Kaga and Akagi." Painting by Griffith Bailey Coale.

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MIDWAY

By Vernon Pizer

MIDWAY is no more than a speck on the map. A small, remote atoll, it is the westernmost island of the long Hawaiian chain. But in the early spring of 1942, that speck of land loomed large in the strategic planning of the massive Japanese Imperial Combined Fleet. Tokyo's concept was to seize the island from its small U.S. Army and Marine Corps garrison and to convert it into a base for the assault and occupation of all Hawaii.

Because Midway was intended as only the opening move in a much more ambitious plan, the Japanese armada that was dispatched toward the island was awesome in size and composition. It comprised all classes of vessels: aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, submarines, supply vessels and transports carrying troops earmarked for occupation duty.

Vernon Pizer, a free-lance journalist based in Valdosta, Ga., writes extensively on the military and war.



"The Japanese heavy cruiser Mogami capsizing at sunset." Painting by Griffith Bailey Coale.

COURTESY OF U.S. NAVY

the north. The carrier force was ordered to proceed immediately on an intercept course. It turned south on a heading that would place it between the two enemy columns.

Early on June 4, the first Japanese carriers penetrated to within striking range of the atoll and launched 72 torpedo planes and bombers, and 36 fighter escorts. A Marine fighter squadron on Midway scrambled to defend against the attack, but its slow aircraft were no match for the enemy Zeros, which decimated them. The enemy planes penetrated the island's defenses and heavily damaged the atoll's installations. However, the runways themselves remained intact, and the field was still in operable condition.

Striking back, the Army Air Corps and Marine torpedo planes and bombers that survived the attack flew out to meet the enemy fleet. It was an uneven match. Of six Marine torpedo planes, only one got through; and only one of four Army bombers fought through to drop its bombs and make it back to base. Of 16 Marine dive bombers striking the enemy's carriers, eight were shot down. Marine Maj. Lofton R. Henderson rode his flaming bomber down to crash it on the deck of a Japanese carrier. Army Capt. Richard E. Fleming, his plane hit

On June 3, long-range U.S. Navy patrol planes sighted a column of Japanese vessels bearing down on Midway from the west. Later, a second column was sighted moving in from the northwest. The nearest available American blocking force was a Navy carrier formation, but it was a full day away to



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IN HARM'S WAY—Damage control teams survey the flight deck after the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown (above) took a direct hit from a Japanese bomb. Only four of Unit VT-6's squadron aircraft on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (right) would survive the Battle of Midway.

by anti-aircraft fire, flew on to drop his bombs on an enemy vessel and then crashed to his death in the sea.

By now the U.S. carrier force steaming southward had advanced barely within aircraft range of the Japanese fleet. Rear Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, commander of Task Force 16, launched 67 dive bombers, 29 torpedo planes and an escort of 20 fighters. The other component of the American formation, Task Force 17 under command of Rear Adm. Jack Fletcher,

a short time later launched 17 dive bombers and 12 torpedo planes. The Navy pilots fought bravely and skillfully, but they flew into a curtain of anti-aircraft fire and a buzz saw of Japanese fighters. The American torpedo planes, the first attacking wave, were almost all shot down without registering a hit on any of the Japanese carriers.

The dive bombers fared better. Lt. Cmdr. Clarence McCluskey of the *Enterprise* led 37 planes in on two carriers, the *Kaga* and the *Akagi*. Two

bombs ripped into *Akagi*, setting off secondary explosions and leaving the vessel ablaze. Four bombs found their mark on *Kaga*, damaging the carrier so devastatingly that it sank. Next, 17 dive bombers from the *Yorktown* struck a third enemy carrier a crippling blow from which it did not recover.

The following day the *Yorktown*'s radar tracked more than 30 enemy planes bearing down on her and immediately scrambled fighters to

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DESPERATION *In The* MIDDLE EAST

Led To Iran-Contra Extremes

By Niles Lathem



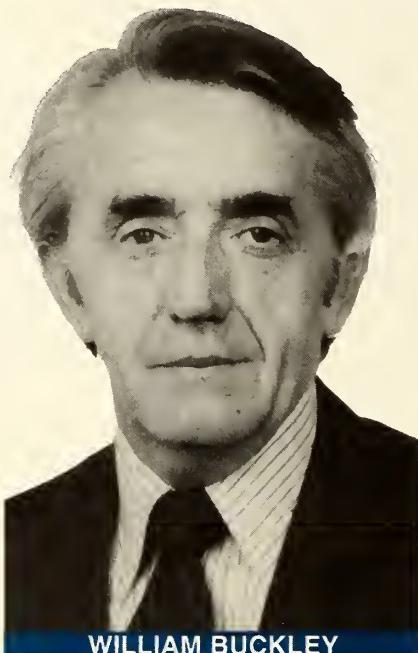
ILLIAM Buckley, the courtly superspy, was William Casey's own personal nightmare. Buckley's plight—and eventual murder—haunted the usually hard-boiled director of the CIA until his death on May 6, 1987.

Casey's nightmare began in the spring of 1983 when he asked Buckley—a friend as well as an employee—to put his life on the line.

The assignment: take over as the CIA's chief of station in Beirut, the most dangerous city in the world. Buckley, then 55, was extremely reluctant.

The reason: William Buckley, a 20-year veteran of secret missions in Vietnam, knew he had been unmasked as a CIA agent.

Respectfully, Buckley reminded Casey of a list that had been published



WILLIAM BUCKLEY

in East Germany in the 1970s. The list, compiled with the help of CIA turncoat Phillip Agee, named deep-cover CIA agents.

And Buckley's name was on it.

But Casey was desperate. His spy

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network in Lebanon had been virtually wiped out.

Charles Ames, the CIA's chief of station in Beirut, was dead. So were 10 other agents. They were among 61 people—17 of them Americans—killed weeks earlier when a suicidal Lebanese Shiite smashed an explosive-laden auto into the U.S. Embassy gate in Beirut. At the time, President Reagan had been pushing a Middle East peace initiative. His first goal was to halt the bloody civil war in Lebanon.

But the Lebanese government had lost control. Power was divided among warlords, religious zealots and hashish smugglers who had carved villages and neighborhoods into separate fiefdoms.

Then, in April 1983, the death-car terrorist struck.

Casey had to move quickly. He had to rebuild his spy network in Lebanon.

Casey reportedly told Buckley he was the only man Casey could turn to. Furthermore, as Candace Hammond, Buckley's former sweetheart, told the *New York Post*: "He (Buckley) said he was chosen because he was expendable."

In a sense, Buckley was ideal for the job.

Unmarried and with little social life outside the intelligence community, Buckley was the CIA's foremost expert on terrorism and counter-insurgency.

A native of Medford, Mass., a graduate of Boston University and an Army veteran, Buckley had cut his teeth in the intelligence business in the Vietnam War.

Assigned to the CIA station in Saigon for more than six years, Buckley served with some of the "golden boys" of the CIA—agents whose names would later surface in Irancon.

Among them were Donald Gregg, Vice President Bush's national security adviser; Felix Rodriguez, Lt. Col. Oliver North's intelligence contact in Nicaragua, and Theodore Shackley, the first U.S. official to hear Iranian middleman Manucher Ghorbanifar's scheme to free American hostages in Lebanon.

In Vietnam, Buckley ran the agency's counter-insurgency operations and portions of the Phoenix Program—the most ruthless U.S. operation of the war.

Buckley organized South Vietnamese "hit teams." These units prowled the jungles, crossed enemy lines, uncovered Viet Cong strongholds.



BOMBING—The attack on the U.S. embassy in Lebanon, and terrorist acts such as the kidnapping of CIA agent Buckley, precipitated the Iran-Contra affair.

They killed with efficiency. Their targets for assassination: Viet Cong sympathizers.

Buckley was good at what he did. "He was a student of insurgency movements. He was an innovator constantly looking for and developing new techniques to cope with problems faced by the Viet Cong insurgency," said a former CIA colleague who served in Vietnam.

"He wasn't a hale-and-hearty back-slapping fellow. He was a serious sort of dispassionate professional who did his homework and made sure all the i's

were dotted and t's were crossed."

Most of Buckley's CIA exploits in the post-Vietnam era remain secret. But colleagues say that in 1979 he was involved in efforts to rescue U.S. hostages from Iran. They add that he helped train bodyguards for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who was assassinated in 1981.

Casey became CIA chief in 1981. Buckley, a political conservative, was an ardent supporter of his new boss' efforts to revitalize the CIA. Suddenly, Buckley found himself one of Casey's rising stars. Day by day, the two found



WILLIAM CASEY

themselves becoming friends.

Just before Buckley was dispatched to Beirut, Casey pulled him off a hush-hush CIA-Pentagon project, an undercover anti-terror unit with a nebulous name: the Intelligence Support Activity.

His CIA link already exposed by the East German publication, William Buckley, spy, arrived in Beirut in June 1983 as William Buckley, "political officer," for the State Department, supposedly on his first diplomatic assignment.

TO ROUND out the cover story, he was given a phony background as a former librarian in a Massachusetts prep school.

Less than six months later, he was a hostage—kidnapped by Syrian- and Iranian-backed terrorists. His captors were Lebanese Shiite Moslems, members of the dreaded Hezbollah.

Buckley was a marked man the moment he set foot in Beirut, U.S. intelligence officials now admit. They suspect that Soviet or East German operatives revealed his identity to Hezbollah through the Syrians.

After Buckley's March 16 kidnapping, panic gripped CIA headquarters in Langley, Va.

"It simply traumatized the agency," said a CIA veteran. "It was a complete disaster."

Casey became desperate to save his friend. The CIA chief was driven by fear and guilt:

- Fear because Buckley might reveal secrets under torture.

• Guilt because it was Casey who had ordered Buckley to Beirut.

• Further guilt because the CIA received steady, horrifying reports that Buckley was being tortured.

Casey, when he was assigned to the OSS in London during World War II, used to run agents behind enemy lines. He had made it a point of pride to always get his agents back alive. He kept the same policy at the CIA.

Intelligence sources said that just weeks before Buckley's kidnapping, another top CIA official, attached to the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia, was kidnapped by mysterious terrorists. Casey turned to Israel, and within 48 hours, the CIA man was freed in a daring Israeli commando operation.

The CIA repaid the favor months later when it assisted in a secret airlift of starving Ethiopian Jews to Israel, sources report.

"Bill Casey turned the CIA, the U.S. government and the Middle East upside down looking for Buckley," said a CIA veteran.

In Lebanon and in the Iranian exile communities of Europe, Casey's agents paid millions of dollars to informants in efforts to find Buckley.

Nearly two months after his kidnapping, the CIA pinpointed a location in South Beirut where Buckley was believed to be held.

Again, Casey turned to Israel. A U.S.-Israeli commando operation was planned to free Buckley and two other Americans.

But, according to intelligence sources, Buckley was moved to the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley before the commandos could be mobilized.

A month later, the State Department received a videotape of Buckley and two other hostages. Buckley was clearly suffering, the videotape revealed.

The shocking TV pictures galvanized Casey's efforts to free Buckley.

In January 1985, another videotape was sent to U.S. television networks by Hezbollah. On that tape, a ghostly-looking Buckley urged that "our government take action for our release quickly."

To his friend Casey, it was clear that Buckley had undergone painful, prolonged torture.

A few months later, through a mysterious European source, the CIA obtained even more gruesome pictures of Buckley.

Still later, CIA fears were confirmed

by an audio cassette of a Buckley torture session.

Clair George, a deputy CIA director and Buckley's closest supervisor, broke down and wept with others on his staff when they heard Buckley's screams of agony. Casey and his CIA colleagues heard Buckley disclosing top-secret details of CIA counter-terrorism activities.

"One of the most difficult things I experienced . . . was to see pictures that we were able to obtain of Bill Buckley as he died over time," testified North before the Iranscam committee.

"It was awful to say the least."

CASEY, EVEN MORE DES- PERATE NOW, WAS READY FOR MORE RISKY EFFORTS TO FREE BUCKLEY.

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President Reagan never saw the grisly evidence of Buckley's torture, said former National Security adviser Robert McFarlane.

But Casey kept the President informed of Buckley's ordeal through daily intelligence briefings, McFarlane said.

Buckley died in June 1985, 15 months after his kidnap. Cause of death was pulmonary edema. Buckley had been kicked in the kidneys so many times that his lungs filled with fluid and he suffocated.

A 400-page "confession," the result of Buckley's interrogation, was sent to Libya, Syria, Iran and Soviet-bloc capitals, administration officials said.

The damage to U.S. intelligence operations was felt immediately.

Entire networks of CIA informers and operatives in Lebanon and Iran had to be shut down.

In March 1985, a U.S.-backed

Lebanese commando unit, trained by Buckley, tried to kill Hezbollah's spiritual leader, Sheik Hussein Fadlallah. Sixty people were killed by a car bomb, but Fadlallah escaped injury.

Hezbollah retaliated by executing 11 people they say plotted the explosion.

The CIA denied knowledge of the attackers. But U.S. intelligence sources say the 11 victims were officials of Buckley's spy network, people who apparently had decided to act on their own.

The CIA believes Hezbollah got their names from Buckley.

Some secrets tortured out of Buckley helped Hezbollah hijackers outwit the Delta Team, the elite U.S. counter-terrorist force.

When TWA Flight 847 was hijacked in the summer of 1985, the U.S. anti-hijack team saw a new terrorist strategy unfolding.

The hijackers kept moving the jet from airport to airport. Eventually, they landed in Beirut and split up the passengers. The hijackers moved so quickly that U.S. attempts at a commando raid to free the passengers never got off the ground.

The Reagan administration was stymied, intelligence sources believe, because terrorists had learned enough about U.S. counter-terrorist strategy to create a more effective hijacking scheme.

Oliver North, who was then working with Casey, told colleagues that the terrorists developed their tactics as a result of information provided by Buckley about U.S. counter-terrorism strategies. North's theory is shared by other experts.

Early in 1985, Casey turned to North at the National Security Council. Casey, even more desperate now, was ready for more risky efforts to free Buckley.

Casey recruited North because the energetic Marine could operate without reporting to Congress.

There is no question that Casey's search for Buckley set in motion the events that led to the Reagan administration's decision to sell arms to Iran.

Even though the United States knew Buckley had died, Casey insisted on retrieving Buckley's body—which has yet to be found.

Because he had to determine precisely what secrets Buckley had given away, Casey could not rest until he had the transcript of Buckley's 400-page "confession."

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Closing the “performance gap” in America’s armored capability.

The 30-ton Sherman, which entered service in 1942, was the successor to the undergunned and underpowered Grant. With its heavier armor, fully traversible turret and a variety of more powerful engines, it was a considerable improvement. Although



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never truly a match for German Panthers and Tigers, simplicity, reliability and adaptability made it the mainstay of almost the entire Allied armored force throughout World War II.

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After World War II, the M4 was modified and served brilliantly in the Korean War but never saw action in another US conflict. Following Korea, surplus Shermans were exported and put into the service of many friendly countries. The French used the M4 against the Viet Minh in Indochina. Wet lands and limited maneuverability proved the undoing of the heavy Shermans and taught us a valuable lesson for our use of armor years later in Vietnam.

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35-44	72,450	62,100	51,750	41,400	31,050	20,700	10,350	5,175
45-54	35,420	30,360	25,300	20,240	15,180	10,120	5,060	2,530
55-59	19,320	16,560	13,800	11,040	8,280	5,520	2,760	1,380
60-64	12,880	11,040	9,200	7,360	5,520	3,680	1,840	920
65-69	8,050	6,900	5,750	4,600	3,450	2,300	1,150	575
70-74*	5,313	4,554	3,795	3,036	2,277	1,518	759	379.50
75-Over*	4,025	3,450	2,875	2,300	1,725	1,150	575	287.50
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The Vietnam Women's Memorial Project Inc. has agreed to consider an open contest to select the memorial's design.

In a March meeting with the National Capital Planning Commission, project officials withdrew their hard-line support for Rodger Brodin's statue of the nurse in an attempt to release the bureaucratic logjam that has stalled the project from the beginning.

"Brodin's statue still could be erected on the Mall if it is the contest winner," said Teddy Brown, the project's executive director. "We haven't given up. We still like the statue," she said. "People associate Vietnam women veterans with the statue, and we hope that Brodin will enter the contest."

Brown said the project's leaders had agreed to abide by the Commemorative Works Act, which requires that a memorial site be approved before the design is considered.

During the meeting, commission members voiced their support for a women veterans' monument within the 2.2 acres of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Brown said the monument's site also must be approved by the Interior Secretary, the Office of Management and Budget, Congress and the Fine Arts Commission.

Since the project began in 1983, about \$800,000 has been raised toward the estimated \$1.3 million needed to erect and maintain the monument.

"The American Legion supports a women veterans' addition to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, just as we support all monuments to our nation's veterans," said Nat'l Cmdr. H. F. "Sparky" Gierke. "The addition will be a well-deserved, specific tribute to our often-forgotten women veterans."

Tax-deductible contributions should be sent to: Executive Director, Vietnam Women's Memorial Project Inc., P.O. Box 53351, Washington, DC 20009.

Legislation that would provide legal immunity for volunteers of non-profit organizations has been introduced in Congress by Sen. Dennis DeConcini of Arizona. S.520, the Volunteer Protection Act of 1989, encourages states to enact legislation granting immunity from personal civil liability for volunteers who act in good faith while performing duties with non-profit organizations.

DeConcini's bill urges Congress to provide "full and complete immunity from suit... provided that the damage or injury allegedly caused by the volunteer is not caused by the willful or wanton misconduct of such volunteer."

An identical bill has been introduced in the House by Rep. John Porter of Illinois.

The bills would help stem the decline in volunteers that has occurred in recent years because of the perception that volunteers may be held liable for their actions.

"All branches of government are growing increasingly aware of the importance of volunteers as we attempt to reduce the federal budget deficit," said DeConcini.

He said that in 1987, 80 million adults volunteered 19.5 billion hours of their time, which would have cost \$150 billion in public salaries.

The Volunteer Protection Act would help to stabilize insurance costs for non-profit organizations. The potential liability of volunteers has increased sharply the cost of insurance for those organizations.

A 1988 Gallup survey of non-profit organizations showed an average increase in insurance premiums of 155 percent since 1984.

The act provides a 1 percent increase in social service grants to states that enact volunteer protection legislation by fiscal year 1991.

Korean War Memorial officials expect the winner of the memorial design competition to be announced June 1.

At press time, Gen. Richard G. Stilwell (Ret.), chairman of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, said half of the \$6 million needed to fund the memorial had been raised.

"This memorial is long overdue," said Nat'l Cmdr. H. F. "Sparky" Gierke. "I urge all Legionnaires to generously support the Korean War Veterans Memorial."

The National Capital Planning Commission has approved a site for the memorial in a grove of trees on the south side of the reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

Tax-deductible contributions should be sent to The Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2372, Washington, DC 20013-2372.

National Commander H. F. "Sparky" Gierke has urged President George Bush to support supplemental funding for the current year's VA budget.

In a letter to the President, Gierke said several years of decremental VA budgeting has resulted in a funding shortfall that could reach \$1 billion in this year's budget for the Department of Medicine and Surgery.

"More than 80 percent of the VA medical centers have severely curtailed inpatient and outpatient treatment to thousands of non-service-connected veterans who depend on the VA for their health-care needs," Gierke said. "The decremental funding has had an adverse effect on patient care and will continue to erode the quality, quantity and timeliness of health care provided to veteran beneficiaries, unless an adequate supplemental appropriation is provided."

Gierke asked the President to support Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward J. Derwinski's supplemental request of \$314 million for medical care. He stated that although the amount requested will not come close to covering the total shortfall, at least it is a step in the right direction.

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

A Lifetime Of
NIGHTMARES

DANNY Roth stared into the moonlit kill zone at the edge of the jungle and watched death crawl toward his platoon. The Viet Cong were moving into position for an assault. Roth eased the safety off his M-16 as his heart hammered against his chest. He gently squeezed the trigger and angry red tracers lit up the night as hundreds of guns on both sides exploded into action, muffling the screams of dying men.

That's when Roth (not his real name) snaps awake, forced back to reality by the sound of his own scream. The nightmare is an endless replay of combat he experienced in 1971 as an Army infantryman in Vietnam. "The hell of it is that the nightmare comes even during the day," said the southern Indiana veteran. "Something just triggers it, and there I am—a 20-year-old kid in a firefight."

Roth was diagnosed by VA counselors several years ago as suffering from symptoms related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, a psychological condition afflicting

many combat veterans. How combat experience affects veterans was part of The American Legion and Columbia University Study of Vietnam Veterans, an intensive undertaking whose findings were published in December in the *Environmental Research* science journal. "The majority of Vietnam veterans



ANOTHER WORLD—The memories of wading through rice paddies often trigger flashbacks of deadly ambushes.

came back from the war, went to school, found careers and started families," said Nat'l Cmdr. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke, also a Vietnam veteran. "Yet there are many veterans from that war who cannot sleep at night or who suffer from other problems that can be traced to their combat experiences. Their lives and those of their families are held hostage by PTSD."

The Legion study concluded about PTSD veterans what many observers have said all along: Psychological problems of combat veterans often are intense, and many veterans today still suffer from wartime traumas.

The PTSD part of the study was conducted by Drs. Jeanne and Steven Stellman in collaboration with clinical psychologist Dr. Barry Snow, and John Sommer, a Vietnam veteran and director of the Legion's Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation

Division. Researchers, using questions that gauged the level of combat among the 2,858 survey participants who served in Vietnam, determined:

- 20 percent were classified as "high-combat" veterans, experiencing a wide range and number of intense combat engagements.

- 38 percent were classified as "medium-combat" veterans.
- 42 percent were judged to be "low-combat" veterans.

Combat-intensity levels were determined by the answers to eight questions that the study participants were asked. The veterans were asked, "How often did you experience the following?"

- Fire your weapon at the enemy?
- Kill the enemy?
- See someone killed?
- See the enemy wounded?
- See our guys wounded?
- See dead enemy?
- See our dead?
- Find yourself in a situation you thought you would never survive?

The veterans received 1 point for a "never" response; 2 for a "rarely"; 3, "sometimes"; 4, "often"; and 5 for "very often."

Veterans who scored 8 to 15 points were rated as experiencing low combat, 16 to 25 points equated to medium combat and 26 or more points rated as high combat.

"Vietnam veterans who were classified 'high combat' are far more likely to be socially and psychologically distressed than their low-combat peers," said Steven Stellman. "Based on our study, we believe there is a great likelihood that at least 15 percent of the men with heavy combat experience suffer from PTSD."

Danny Roth's 13-month tour in Vietnam was a roller-coaster of alternating boring days at base camp and life-risking battles in the field. A few years after his return, he began to have nightmares of one particular encounter with the enemy. The recurring dream caused him to shut out friends and family, and he began to have trouble concentrating on his college studies. The problems ultimately cost him a marriage.

While conceding the existence of PTSD among Vietnam combat veterans, some experts have insisted that the disorder can be tied only to a single traumatic event. The Legion's study rejected that claim. Wrote the Stellmans and Snow in *Environmental Research*: "A variety of clinical and experimental evidence suggests that both *cumulative exposure* (emphasis added) to prolonged danger as well as single episodes of extraordinary danger may produce PTSD...."

According to the Legion study's find-



FEL BARANTE

THE ROAD BACK—Indianapolis vet center counselor Guy Holmes reassures a group of Vietnam veterans that their PTSD suffering can be alleviated.

ings, some veterans who were classified as "medium combat" and "low combat" also suffered in varying degrees from PTSD. Researchers said the existence of their symptoms probably would not be recognized in most other clinical and research efforts.

The study's conclusion that an estimated 15 percent of Vietnam combat veterans have PTSD symptoms is consistent with the findings of other research.

A CONGRESSIONALLY mandated VA study conducted by Research Triangle Institute last year also reported that 15 percent of those who served in the war—470,000 of 3.14 million—suffer from PTSD.

Another important finding of the Legion study was that PTSD veterans generally were free of any mental-health problems before military service, which was consistent with the responses among non-combat Vietnam veterans. However, use of both inpatient and outpatient mental-health services rose significantly among PTSD groups after being discharged.

The ugly myths of the returning Vietnam veterans persist even today: He has a "flashback," goes berserk and either takes hostages or opens fire on a crowd. Others have been accused of being unstable because they are Vietnam veterans.

A leading researcher refuted the myths and stereotyping. Said Dr. Michael Gochfeld in a supporting editorial that preceded the Legion study in *Environmental Research*: "... some

returning veterans manifested a variety of behavioral disturbances, most of them directed inward in the form of depression or anxiety and self-destructive lifestyles, rather than outward in the form of violence...."

"I withdrew from my family and friends," Roth said. "I slammed the door on the people who cared the most. But I couldn't explain to them why I was irritable and depressed, much less understand it myself." Roth considers himself fortunate because he sought counseling from both a veterans' rehabilitation center and a private psychologist. He may be one of the more fortunate veterans.

The Legion has charged repeatedly that PTSD patients received inconsistent care in Department of Veterans Affairs' facilities nationwide and that the use of Diagnostic-Related Groups has affected inpatient treatment programs. DRGs are estimates of how long it will take to treat certain medical and mental conditions; those estimates are used to fund individual DVA facilities. The result? PTSD programs are revised to reduce lengths of stays at inpatient facilities and veterans do not receive full treatment for their conditions.

Danny Roth eventually opened the door. He finished college, found a career as a teacher and remarried. "It continues to be a day-by-day, step-by-step journey home," he said. "But, I'm getting there." However, sometimes late at night in his sleep he stares into a moonlit kill zone at the edge of the jungle and watches death crawl toward his platoon. □

CDC TRYING TO PERPETRATE

SCIENTIFIC FRAUD OF CENTURY

THE Centers for Disease Control is trying to "perpetrate the largest scientific fraud of the century" by saying it is impossible to carry out a study of Agent Orange exposure in Vietnam, Dr. Jeanne Stellman told Legionnaires at the 29th annual American Legion Washington Conference, Feb. 26 to March 1.

"It is nothing but a sheer and utter lie that the government did not know where Agent Orange spraying missions were made and where our troops were deployed," said Stellman, who substantiated her charges with film overlays projected on a screen for all to see. One overlay pinpointed Agent Orange spraying missions over southern Vietnam during a one-month period in 1967. Another overlay showed troop movements and concentrations in that same area and month.

Stellman said her information came from the Centers for Disease Control, part of it as a result of a Freedom of Information Act request.

Stellman and her husband, Dr. Steve Stellman, researchers and co-directors of the landmark American Legion and Columbia University Study of Vietnam Veterans, were among a panel of experts at the Open Forum of Vietnam Issues, which kicked off the conference.

"This confirms what we learned in the surveys of Vietnam veterans," she said. "It appears even more clearly now that going to Vietnam had serious consequences."

Scientists produce data at Washington Conference that rebuts CDC charges against Legion study on Vietnam veterans.



PROOF—Stellman uses a projector and screen to show spray missions and troop locations in Vietnam.

The Legion, the Stellmans and the CDC have been at the center of the controversy involving charges of faulty research and inaccurate reporting of the facts.

The brouhaha came after the Legion study was published in the *Environmental Research* journal in December 1988. The study's findings contradicted an earlier CDC study, which, after five years and millions of tax dollars, concluded that a valid study of the effects of Agent Orange could not be done.

The Legion study proved the correlation could be made, based on the HERBS tapes, and Services HERBS tapes, which are government records of spray missions. Further, the Stellmans found that a number of health complaints were consistent among Vietnam veterans who were in areas where Agent Orange was used.

Another expert on the panel, Dr. Peter Kahn, a member of the New Jersey State Commission on Agent Orange, called on the government to compensate veterans suffering from problems that might have been caused by dioxin exposure.

"Clearly, we as a nation should do something," Kahn said. "We have a choice now of compensating people who might have been injured by exposure to the herbicide and accept that some people were not exposed. Or we can wait on researchers to come up with an absolute link between Agent Orange exposure and specific diseases."

"But, we also have to remember this," Kahn said. "If we treat shabbily

the men who fought in the last war, who will we get to fight the next one?"

Those attending the forum learned that the Legion study findings on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among Vietnam veterans were corroborated by a separate study commissioned by Congress and conducted by the Research Triangle Institute.

"While most veterans made a successful readjustment to civilian life, our study found that 15.2 percent of these men suffer from PTSD-related symptoms," said Dr. Richard Kukla, a scientist with RTI. The Legion study also found that 15 percent of its survey participants experienced various levels of PTSD-related symptoms (see related article, page 36). The percentages mean that of the 3.14 million GIs who served in Vietnam, as many as 470,000 might be afflicted with PTSD. The RTI study also said 8.5 percent of the 10,500 women in Vietnam veterans suffer from PTSD.

"The problems we found in the veterans we surveyed were related to combat," said Dr. Barry Snow, a clinical psychologist who coordinated the PTSD section of the Legion study with the Stellmans. Snow said PTSD veterans are more likely than their non-combat peers to be homeless, divorced or frequent patients at VA medical facilities.

Both the Legion and RTI studies found that Vietnam veterans with higher levels of combat experience were likely to have more psychological and readjustment problems than other veterans of that era.

Bluecaps at the forum also welcomed news that Agent Orange legislation is being developed on Capitol Hill. Senators John Kerry of Massachusetts and Thomas Daschle of South Dakota are drafting a bill that, if enacted, would compensate some veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange, and who are suffering certain disabilities.

No matter what Capitol Hill has in store for veterans during this and future fiscal years, they will not be considered a "priority group" by the administration. That ominous message came from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward Derwinski, who said, "We live in a time of budgetary constraint and hard choices will have to be made. With the budget problems facing this administration, veterans' issues cannot be a priority item."



GUEST SPEAKER—Gierke applauds as Derwinski tells Legionnaires that he supports a \$314 million supplemental DVA budget for 1989.

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Derwinski warned Legionnaires and Auxiliary members not to expect a "magic pot of gold" with the recent elevation of his agency to the Cabinet. He also said he appealed to OMB for a \$314 million supplemental appropriation to cover a shortfall in the VA's medical budget for the current fiscal year. However, after his speech at the conference, Derwinski told reporters he doubted the request would clear Congress.

"I hope Mr. Derwinski's pessimistic expectations of this supplemental budget package is no indication of how he will present the request before Congress," responded Nat'l Cmdr. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke. At press time, the budget request had not been acted upon.

Washington Conference discussions focused mainly on VA budget and health-care deficiencies. Budget shortfalls for the current fiscal year are

estimated at between \$600 million and \$1.2 billion. Reports across the nation indicate that nursing-home care is being curtailed, surgery is being delayed and health care is being denied some veterans.

The Legion is seeking quick action on a supplemental appropriation to reopen closed hospital wards and restore adequate levels of inpatient and outpatient care, specialized services, and alleviate other serious problems. The administration and the appropriations committees in both chambers must approve the money quickly, said Dominic D. DiFrancesco, chairman of the Legislative Commission. "Failure to do so will allow a rapidly deteriorating situation to develop into a virtual catastrophe," he said.

Armed with information from the veterans' forum and from the reports of the Legion's various service commissions, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members gathered for the legislative rally. Each year, the rally sets the stage for conferees to march to Capitol Hill, where they meet with their legislators to discuss veterans' issues and other key Legion concerns.

"Each of you is the very soul of this organization," Gierke said. "The success of The American Legion never has been limited to just helping veterans. We are Americans—proud Americans—who care about the country and the welfare of its citizens. As long as we

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We Remember Our Comrades Buried Overseas

THE crack of 21-gun salutes and the stirring notes of bugles echo throughout cemeteries as Legionnaires place flags at the graves of America's war dead. Such scenes are common in the United States on Memorial Day, but few people are aware that the graves of GIs buried on foreign soil are not forgotten either.

Because of the Legion's Overseas Graves Decoration Trust, established by Legionnaires in 1921, flags and other decorations are placed at overseas U.S. military cemeteries. This year, for example, Memorial Day observances will be conducted in Belgium, France, England and the Philippines. Overseas Legion posts and other groups regularly conduct services to honor America's fallen warriors from the four wars of this century.

Over the years, the trust fund has decorated the graves of Americans buried in West Germany, Tunisia, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand and New Guinea, among other sites.

"The trust is a permanent endowment and guarantees future generations will remember the sacrifices of these brave Americans," said Nat'l Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle, secretary of the trust. "Legionnaires preserve the memories of our fallen defenders through this special fund."

During the wars, Memorial Day services in the United States also paid tribute to those buried on foreign soil. Regular services were held in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., to commemorate the dead of World War I. After France fell to Nazi Germany during World War II, Legion posts throughout the United States conducted Memorial Day services for those buried in French graves.

Since the war, Flanders Field Post 2.



GARDENS OF STONE—Legion funds also pay for the flags of allies buried in the same cemeteries.

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Belgium, of the Department of France, has continued to honor our dead in Memorial Day ceremonies aided by the trust. The post coordinates activities with the American Overseas Memorial Day Association, and conducts services at military cemeteries at Flanders Field, Ardennes and Henri-Chapelle. Post 2 and the association also hold services on other occasions such as

Veterans Day and V-E Day.

"American flags are not the only national colors we place," said Spanogle. "Funds from the trust also pay for the flags of allies who are buried in the same cemeteries as Americans. When the Department of Defense places 3,900 flags on American graves for Memorial Day 1989, it also will leave 4,036 national flags of French, British, Norwegian, Swedish and Danish servicemen who were killed in World Wars I and II."

While trust funds are designated exclusively for decorating the graves, a one-time exception was made in 1937 when some funds were used to pay for moving 34 deceased WWI servicemen from temporary to permanent graves.

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Spanogle said Post 1, London, England, also receives assistance to place flowers and wreaths at military cemeteries in Cambridge, Brookwood and Ypres.

"We couldn't do what we do on Memorial Day without the support of the trust," Post Cmdr. Billy Bauch recently wrote in a letter to National Headquarters. "The turnouts for Memorial Day ceremonies in England are always outstanding."

In the Pacific, the Department of the Philippines conducts and coordinates flag placements on the graves of Americans and Filipinos at Manila Cemetery and other sites on the island archipelago.

Memorial Day services for Americans buried in foreign lands are especially significant, said Spanogle.

"When you witness the endless rows of white crosses and Stars of David, and fathom what so many Americans have given in the cause of freedom, you can't help but be moved," he said. "In every sense, it is a day of remembrance, a tribute to those who never made it home from foreign battlefields. The Overseas Graves Decoration Trust helps the world remember the sacrifices made by those who no one should forget." □

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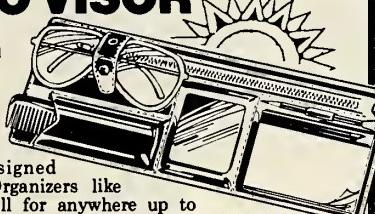
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HOW POSTS KEEP THEIR MEMBERS

HOW do American Legion posts retain their members and meet membership goals each year? The answer can be summed up in one word: work.

"There is no blueprint or guidelines other than hard work and a positive attitude," said Douglas W. Henley, chairman of the Legion's Membership and Post Activities Committee. "We do find, however, that Posts that are consistently successful keep their members active."

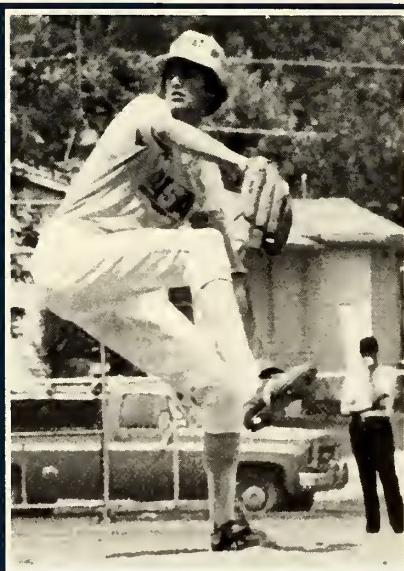
"Active" is the appropriate word to describe Virginia's Colonial Heights Post 284. From assisting veterans with claims, to their donations of time and money to orphanages and emergency medical agencies, Legionnaires of that Post constantly are involved in activities that benefit the Colonial Heights community.

"Meeting membership goals never has been much of a problem for us," said Post Adjutant Thomas B. Kifer. "We work very hard and I believe that's why our members stay with us." The Post consistently tops the 900-member mark, and at press time, was nearing 1,000 members.

Kifer said another way the post maintained its membership is by following up on members before their annual memberships expire. To accomplish this, Post 284 invested in a computer to keep track of the current addresses and telephone numbers of its members.

Many Posts credit the programs they sponsor as their best recruiters. Steven Nipp of Post 143 in Post Falls, Idaho, has a panopoly of programs that help keep its membership strong. Although the 96-member Post might seem small to many people, it is a giant in supporting staple Legion programs such as Boys State and American Legion Baseball. The needy in Post Falls also are helped by Post 143's Food Bank.

"When we get a new member, the



SALES PITCH—Legion baseball is among myriad programs that appeal to members and keep them active.

first thing we try to do is get him involved in a program or project that he's interested in," said Post Cmdr. John B. Dunlap. "Get a person involved in something he really cares about and you'll have no problems keeping that person on your membership roll."

KEPPING 1,700 members on its roll poses little problem for Nicholson Post 38, Baton Rouge, La. American Legion Baseball is as hot an item in Baton Rouge as the ubiquitous Cajun cuisine. Each summer more than 1,000 young men and boys participate in Legion Baseball and a well-orchestrated junior league.

"We send Legion Baseball tickets to our members at the beginning of the season and that seems to pick up their interest," said Post Cmdr. W.W. "Woody" Dumas. "We know for a fact that our membership has been helped by our baseball program. Many of our members have said the reason they

joined was because of their interest in baseball and their concern for kids."

The good works of the Legion perhaps is the drawing card and best retention tool for Post memberships. When it comes to retaining members, Williams-Jobe-Gibson Post 128 of Sidney, Iowa, literally takes the bull by the horns each year. In the third week of August for the past 60 years, the post has been the sponsor and financial backer of the Sidney National Championship Rodeo.

"The rodeo has been a consistent determining factor in maintaining our membership," said Post Cmdr. Harold D. Snyder, whose Post has 287 members. Snyder said another way the Post has sparked the interest of its members is through the recent formation of a Sons of The American Legion squadron. "There's little doubt that this is popular, especially with the fathers at our Post."

In many ways, the family oriented Post is one that meets with the most success. Kifer said that Post 284's families often work with Colonial Heights mentally handicapped children, an all-hands effort involving bluecaps and their families.

"We have high visibility in the Colonial Heights community," Kifer said. "Post 284 is perceived as one of the best charitable organizations in our area." Our work benefits many, but it also has returned rewards to the Post in how people view The American Legion.

There is no overall secret to success for the Posts that continually attract and keep their memberships. Posts 284, 128, 143 and 38 owe their success to meeting the needs of their communities and performing vital services to others.

"The only formula that works is desire and dedication," Henley said. "It takes leadership to keep Post memberships strong. Those are the qualities that will help the Legion succeed in reaching its goal of 3 million members this year."

Art Exhibit Uses U.S. Flag As Doormat; 'It's A Crime,' Says Nat'l Cmdr. Gierke

DURING a March exhibit sponsored by the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the U.S. Flag was displayed on the floor and visitors were allowed to walk on it.

In response to this desecration, Nat'l Cmdr. H. F. "Sparky" Gierke issued the following public statement:

"With every freedom guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution comes an equal measure of responsibility. Freedom of expression does not guarantee protection to lawbreakers, and those who desecrate the Flag of the United States are guilty of a crime."

"The Flag is not only a living symbol of this free nation, it is a beacon of hope to oppressed people around the world. The U.S. Flag carries its own message of peace and freedom. Doormats do not carry that message, and no escape into the false assumption that an artist can say anything about anything can change that."

"Patriotism, respect, and allegiance to the Flag have long been guiding principles to The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Many of our members fought to defend it and keep this country free, and to keep other countries from perishing under the boot of totalitarian oppression."

"More eloquent than our beliefs, though, are the thousands upon thousands of grave markers from Boston to San Francisco and from

the cemeteries of France to the faraway atolls of the Pacific, all standing as mute testimony to the devotion of the men and women who served without question. That glorious Flag was draped over the coffins of those who gave their last full measure of devotion to defend it.

"Many a Gold Star Mother cherishes that carefully folded, triangular bundle of red, white and blue as the closest link to a fallen hero son. During my recent visit to the Department of Pennsylvania, one such Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Geraldine Shill of Middletown, told me how she felt. Mrs. Shill's son, Damien Messino, was a

19-year-old Navy corpsman serving with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam when he was killed by a booby trap.

"Mrs. Shill said that whenever she looks at the Flag presented to her at graveside, she sees her son. Referring to the way the Flag was used at the Chicago art exhibit, she told me, 'When I heard of the way the Flag was displayed and walked on at that art exhibit, it was like stepping on my son. It hurt deeply.'

"The Flag is as much a part of us as our souls. We in The American Legion know the proper way to display the Flag of the United States, and it is not on the floor."

Minnesota Hits \$1 Million

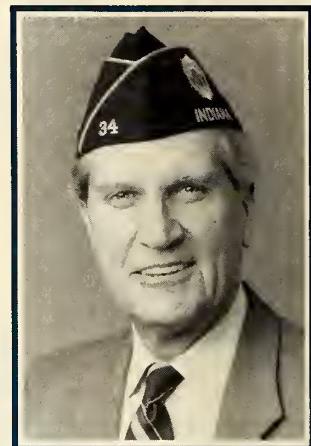
PAUL, a WWII veteran, lives in the past most of the time. Sometimes he relives his wedding day; other times he believes he's graduating from high school. Some days he's back in France fighting in World War II. Paul's battle with reality is the result of Alzheimer's disease, which afflicts 2.5 million Americans.

However, Paul and other veterans who suffer from neurological-related illnesses or depression can receive the specialized treatment they need because of the efforts of the Department of Minnesota and its Auxiliary. After 19 months of fund raising, Min-

nesota Legionnaires and Auxiliary members reached their goal of \$1 million, which will be matched by the University of Minnesota Medical School to create the Brain Sciences Center at the new Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

"I am tremendously pleased with the hard work and generosity of the Minnesota Legionnaires and Auxiliary members," said Department of Minnesota Cmdr. Bob Flaherty.

A worldwide search is being conducted by the University of Minnesota Medical School for the professor-physician who will occupy the hospital's new Brain Science Chair.



Lew Wood

Former Host Of 'Today Show' New PR Chief

LEW WOOD, a former host of NBC's "Today Show," has been named the director of The American Legion's Public Relations Division.

Wood, a retired Reserve Marine Corps major who served during the Korean War, last worked for a New York-based consulting and public relations firm. He anchored the "Today Show" from 1975-78 and has spent 35 years in broadcast journalism and public relations.

Wood, a member of the Robert E. Kennington Post 34 in Indianapolis, has a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and a master's from Notre Dame. He also attended a CBS News Fellowship at Columbia University, where he studied political science and Sino-Soviet relations.

An avid tennis player, he and his wife, Monick, have one child.

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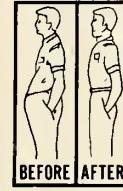
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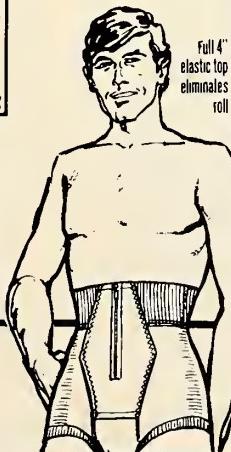
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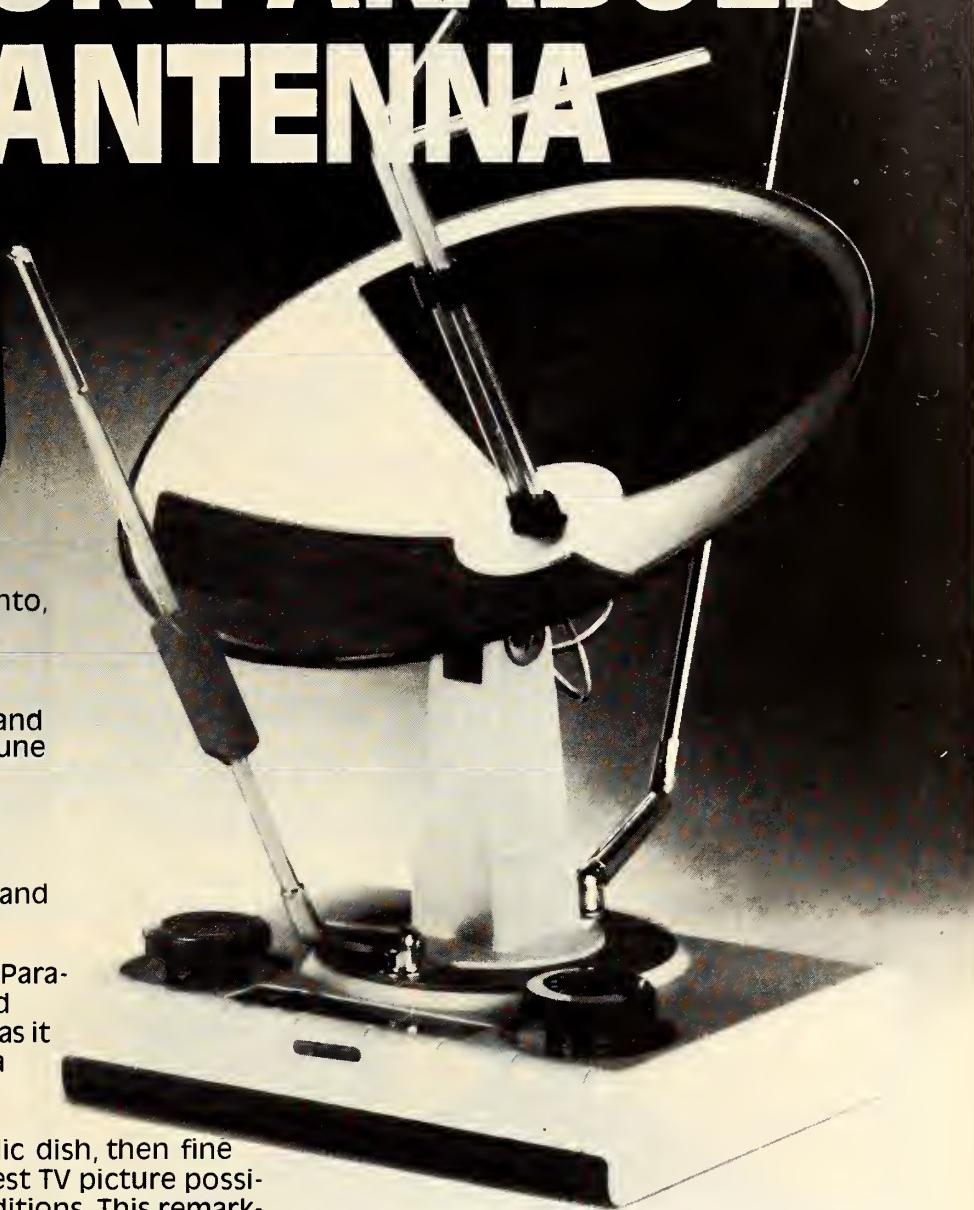
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2nd Bn., 178th F.A. Rgt., E Btry./248th F.A., B Btry. (Aug-Marion, SC) H.M. Perritt Jr., Rt. 2, Box 1134, Marion, SC 29571 (803) 423-2380

3rd Bn., 345th Inf., HQ (June-Madison, GA) Ed Ruark, Box 337, Bostwick, GA 35623 (404) 342-1943

3rd Field Hospital (WWII) (May-Lexington, KY) Jim Levenson, Box 200, Lexington, KY 40584 (606) 233-0906

4th Inf. Ivy Div. (WWI/WWII/Vietnam) (July-Cherry Hill, NJ) Larry Flanagan, 1133 Foster St., Philadelphia, PA 19116 (215) 969-4452

5th Arm'd Div. (Midwest) (Sept-Norfolk, NE) James Burrell Sr. 9245 N.W. Rochester Rd., Topeka, KS 66167 (913) 288-1534

6th Arm'd Div. Assn. (Aug-Boston) Edward Reed, Box 5011, Louisville, KY 40205

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7th Arm'd Div. (Sept-Louisville, KY) Glenn Fackler Sr., 23218 Springbrook Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48024

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7th Signal Detach./USS Mt. McKinley AGC 7 (WWII) (Fall) Don Shreeves, 315 W. Main St., Princeton, MO 64673 (816) 748-3871

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9th Med. Bn., 9th Inf. Div. (May-Pigeon Forge, TN) John Lewis, 211 Midland St., Shelbyville, TN 37160 (615) 684-2496

10th Station Hospital (WWII) (Sept-Columbus, OH) Esther Johnson, 618 Brookside Dr., Columbus, OH 43209

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11th Engrs. (WWII) (Sept) A.B. Harward, 523 College Dr., Raeford, NC 28376 (919) 875-4809

12th Armored Div. (Sept-San Antonio, Texas) Paul L. Hempling Sr., 11418 Hilcroft, Houston, Texas 77035 (713) 729-7586

15th Evac. Hospital (Sept-Jamestown, NY) Vernon Saverie, Box 96, So. Dayton, NY 14138 (716) 988-7728

17th Engrs., 2nd Arm'd Div., A Co. (May-Lexington, KY) Willard Curtis, 110 S. Revena, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (313) 662-0084

17th Inf. Rgt. (June-Merced, CA) J. F. Wittler, 514 Tamarack Dr., Union City, CA 94587 (415) 471-0131

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24th Sig. Constr. Bn. (Aug-Monroeville, PA) George Jae, 310 Oakwood Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146 (412) 373-1625

25th Inf. Div. (Aug-Williamsburg, VA) Robert Muzzy, 809 Forston Dr., Takoma Park, MD 20912 (301) 434-0192

26th Inf., 1st Div., G Co. (Aug-Colorado Springs, CO) Arthur Chaitt, 5 Montgomery Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118 (215) 233-5444

28th Inf. Div. (May-Europe) Bob Pocklington, 3000 Valle Vista Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90065 (213) 256-0036

31st Inf. (Polar Bears) (June-Lawton, OK) Billy Spears, HQ 4-31 Infantry, Ft. Sill, OK 73503 (405) 351-2605

32nd Div. Vets (Red Arrow) (Oct-Australia) Maurice Howland, 2349 Sunny Ln., Kewaskum, WI 53040 (414) 334-9341

36th Div. Assn. (Aug-Houston, TX) Leonard Wilkerson, Box 2049, Malakoff, TX 75148 (214) 489-1644

37th Div. Vets Assn. (Sept-Middleburg Hts. OH) 37th Div. Vets Assn., 65 S. Front St. Rm. 707, Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 228-3788

38th Signal Bn. (Sept-Cherry Hill, NJ) William Foiles, Box 5567, Columbia, SC 29250 (803) 771-6208

39th Combat Engrs. (Sept-Peoria, IL) Samuel Bright, 6329 Greenbrae, Paducah, KY 42003 (502) 898-2552

39th Rgt., 9th Inf. Div., F Co. (Sept-Searcy, AR) Ray Hanks, Box 9, McRae, AR 72102 (501) 726-3388

40th Inf. Div. (1950-53) (Sept-Bushkill, PA) Ed Lown, 210 Highland Ave., Maybrook, NY 12543 (914) 427-2320

45th Signal Co., 45th Inf. Div. (Aug-Alva, OK) H.M. Quinn Jr., Box 222, Alva, OK 73717 (405) 327-3246

46th Engr. Const. Bn. (Sept-Omaha, NE) Marvin Hoot, 14929 E. 98th St. No., Owasso, OK 74055 (918) 272-8803

50th Engrs. A Co. (July-Austin, MN) Gaylord Tapp, Rt. 2, Box 58, Brownsdale, MN 55918 (507) 567-2186

50th Gen. Hospital (WWII) (Aug-Burlington, NC) James Mundy, Box 642, Graham, NC 27253 (919) 226-5220

52nd Arm'd Inf. Bn., 9th Arm'd Div. (WWII) (May-Seattle) Vern Reaugh, Box 3467, Hampton, VA 23663

52nd Combat Engrs. (July-Anderson, IN) George Bayley, 875 N 600 W, Anderson, IN 46101 (317) 642-7688

54th Gen. Hospital (Sept-Milwaukee) Meg Riehle, 1919 N. Summit #7C, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 347-2305

55th Arm'd Inf. Bn., 11th Arm'd Div., B Co. (Sept-DeQuincy, LA) Mrs. J. Inman, 313 S. Division St., DeQuincy, LA 70633 (318) 786-6531

58th Arm'd F.A. Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Greenville, SC) Charlie Hutchinson, 301 Farmington Rd., Greenville, SC 29605 (803) 295-0109

58th Engr. Treadway Bridge Co. (Korea) (July-Radford, VA) Morris Kisselbaugh, 6590 Highland Lick Rd., Lewisburg, KY 42256 (502) 726-9387

63rd Engr. (C) Co., 44th Div., A Co. (Aug-Gettysburg, PA) Glen Young, 4462 Leppert Rd., Hilliard, OH 43026 (614) 876-7781

71st AAA, Btry. B (Sept-Downington, PA) H.C. Hall, 255-C Gifford Ln., Tuckerton, NJ 08087 (609) 296-4956

71st Div. Assn. (Sept-Louisville, KY) Kenneth Hall, 8905 Yoder, Farwell, MI 48622 (517) 588-9429

76th Inf. Div. (May-European Tour) Elliott Cutler Jr., Rt. 2, Box 68, New Windsor, NY 12550 (914) 496-6808

77th Div. Assn. (Aug-Lancaster, PA) Stanley Zielinski, 346 Broadway, Rm. 816, New York City, NY 10013 (212) 571-6078

78th Cav. Recon. Trp. (Aug-Seattle) Gordon Gogert, 16605 52nd Ave. N.W., Stanwood, WA 98292 (206) 652-0128

81st Inf. Div. (Aug-Atlanta) Robert Schweihis, 2842 S. Emerald Ave., Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 225-4062

83rd General Hospital (WWII) (Sept-Savannah, GA) Clarence Durrence, 208 Stephenson Ave., Savannah, GA 31405 (912) 355-4974

87th Arm'd F.A. Bn. (Sept-Tucson, AZ) Robert Kubista, 6159 E. Seneca St., Tucson, AZ 85712 (602) 298-2523

87th Inf. Div. Assn. (Sept-Chicago) Gladwin Pascuzzo, 2374 N. Dundee Ct., Highland, MI 48031 (313) 887-9005

94th Med. Gas Treatment Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Stroudsburg, PA) Dr. William Burry, Box 240, Mountain-home, PA 18342 (717) 595-7293

95th Med. Gas Treat. Bn. (Aug-Lynchburg, VA) Walter Gantz, 829 Palm St., Scranton, PA 18505 (717) 347-9354

98th Signal Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Charlotte, NC) Harry Coates, Rt. 1, Box 28, Callaway, VA 24067 (703) 483-1427

102nd Inf. Div. (July-Omaha, NE) Robert Enkelmann, 10133 Concord School Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128 (314) 843-9754

104th Combat Engr. Bn. (WWII) (Sept-St. Louis) S.G. Sagen, 2205 Weston St., LaCrosse, WI 54601 (608) 788-5073

104th Inf. Div. (Aug-Kansas City, MO) Raleigh Taylor, 107 W. 115th Pl., Overland Park, KS 66210 (913) 469-9667

104th Ordnance MM Co. (July-Warrendale, PA) Elmer Grubbs, 550 Pittsburgh St., Box 701, Mars, PA 16046 (412) 625-1971

105th General Hospital (Sept-Seattle) Dr. Warren Bergholz, 112 Morey St., Bellingham, WA 98225 (206) 733-3168

106th Cav. (June-Champaign, IL) Fred Gourley, 1412 S. Mattis Ave., Champaign, IL 61821 (217) 356-0491

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106th Inf. Div. Assn. (Sept-European Tour) Doug Coffey, 2236 Arnett St., Port Charlotte, FL 33948 (813) 629-5711

106th Inf., 27th Div., HQ Co. (Aug-Monroe, LA) H.W. Davis Jr., 102 Walnut Ln., Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 878-7582

107th AAA, B Btry. (Aug-Clinton, SC) Boyd Holtclaw, 411 N. Broad St., Clinton, SC 29325 (803) 833-1069

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157th Engr. (C) Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Roanoke, VA) Roland Clayton, 912 Log College Dr., Warminster, PA 18974 (215) 675-0752

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160th Inf., A Co. (Sept-Louisville, KY) Franklin Kempf, 6083 Hwy. 60 E., Hartford, WI 53027 (414) 673-5516

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183rd Signal Repair Co. (Sept-San Diego) Ted Weiss, 916 Calle Nuevo, San Clemente, CA 92672 (714) 498-5546

187th Signal Repair Co. (Sept-Norfolk, VA) Morgan Wilson, 990 Green St., Norfolk, VA 23513 (804) 857-0015

190th F.A. Grp. Assn./ 200th FA Bn. (WWII) (July-Clearfield, PA) Wes Duttinger, Box 111, Sunbury, PA 17801 (717) 286-2708

191st Tank Bn. (Sept-Columbus, GA) Denis Berger, 53 Knecht Dr., Dayton, OH 45405 (513) 278-3541

192nd Ord. Dpt. Co. (Sept-Coshocton, OH) Carl Schlarb, 1224 S. 13th St., Coshocton, OH 43812 (614) 622-4900

193rd Ord. Dpt. Co. (Sept-Las Cruces, NM) Carl Faubion, 7925 N. Dona Ana Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005 (505) 526-6500

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214th CA (AA) GA NG (Aug-Gainesville, GA) Gene Hodges, 2549 Emerald Dr., Jonesboro, GA 30236 (404) 471-2084

217th CA AA, E Btry. (July-Crookston, MN) Curt Hendrickson, 602 S. Washington, Ave., Crookston, MN 56716 (218) 281-2293

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- 226th Sig. Vets** (June-Annapolis, MN) James Rankin, 109 Boyd Dr., Annapolis, MD 21403 (301) 269-0544
- 228th Station Hospital** (July-Frankenmuth, MI) Edward Snyder, 1360 E. Allen St., Lancaster, OH 43130 (614) 654-1260
- 232nd Inf. Rgt., 42nd Div., Cannon Co. (WWII)** (July-St. Louis) Marvin Van Gorp, 908 Hazel St., Pella, IA 50219 (515) 628-2250
- 246th Signal Oper. Co. (WWII)** (Aug-Charlotte, NC) Johnnie Huggins Jr., 30031 S.W. 169th Ave., Homestead, FL 33030 (305) 247-0150
- 276th Combat Engr. Bn.** (Aug-Portland, OR) James Elkins, Box 72, Bell Buckle, TN 37020 (615) 389-9161
- 282nd FA. Bn.** (Aug-Grove City, OH) Lloyd Howard, 1670 Laurel Ave., Columbus, OH 43223 (614) 279-1584
- 284th FA. Bn.** (Sept-Lancaster, PA) Elmer Forcade, 2333 Waterman, Granite City, IL 62040 (618) 931-3910
- 290th Combat Engr. Bn.** (July-Knoxville, TN) Clyde Kiker, Box 5688, Greensboro, NC 27435 (919) 292-6318
- 294th Engr. (c) Bn., C Co.** (June-Sherborne, Eng.) Joseph Donnelly, 207 Holly Ave., Hempstead, L.I., NY 11550
- 302nd Inf., 94th Div., L Co.** (Sept-Canadensis, PA) Charles Misner, 216 Bombay Ave., Westerville, OH 43081 (614) 891-4357
- 308th Signal Co. Wing** (Sept-Branson, MO) Fray Hillhouse, 2230 S. King, Springfield, MO 65807 (417) 881-1774
- 320th Engr. Bn.** (Sept-Knife River, MN) Bertil Carlson, Box 57, Knife River, MN 55609 (218) 834-5771
- 321st Signal Bn. Corps** (Aug-Little Amana, IA) Kenneth Rosenbaum, Rt. 1, Box 107, Blairsburg, IA 52209 (319) 454-6407
- 322nd Med. Bn., 97th Div.** (Aug-Columbus, OH) Harold Burg, 4166 S. Medina Line Rd., Barberton, OH 44203 (216) 334-0701
- 323rd Inf., 81st Div., B Co.** (Sept-Jonesboro, AR) William Floyd, Rt. 1, Box 22D, Melbourne, AR 72556 (501) 68-7827
- 323rd Inf., 81st Div. K Co.** (July-Chillicothe, OH) Samuel Wood, 685 N. Malone Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601 (614) 663-2870
- 341st Inf., 86th Div., D Co.** (Aug-Indianapolis) Jerry Hodson, 112 S. Main St., New Castle, IN 47362 (317) 529-2366
- 343rd Signal Co. Wing/935th Signal Bn.** (Sept-Branson, MO) T.M. Genes, 1212 Heather Ln., Charlotte, NC 28209 (704) 523-2982
- 352nd Ord. Maint. Co. AA** (Sept-Las Vegas, NV) Dale Lambert, 22839B Nadine Cir., Torrance, CA 90505 (213) 325-3946
- 379th AAA Bn. (WWII)** (Aug-Grand Junction, CO) H.D. McCallum, 522 Skyway Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81503 (303) 243-1396
- 381st AAA AW Bn., (All Btrrs.)** (Oct-Dayton, OH) Virgil McClellan, 642 N. 9th St., Miamisburg, OH 45342 (513) 866-6017
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- 410th AAA Bn., A Btry., 364th MP Co.** (June-Rockwood, PA) Jay Houpt, Rt. 1, Box 41, Rockwood, PA 15557 (814) 926-2284
- 429th Med. Coll. Co. Sep.** (May-St. Louis) John Caput, 8409 E. 105th St., Kansas City, MO 64134 (816) 761-0765
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- 444th Engr. Base Dpt. Co.** (Aug-Enfield, CT) Charles Hoye, 1225 S. Morris St., Hobbs, NM 88240 (505) 397-4284
- 449th F.A. Observ. Bn., A Btry. (Korea)** (Oct-St. Michaels, MD) Bruce Miller, 3816 Crestvale Terr., Baltimore, MD 21236 (301) 665-6585
- 452nd Bomb Grp. Assn.** (Sept-Colorado Springs, CO) E.A. Holcombe Jr., 1130 Florida Ave., Bogalusa, LA 70427 (504) 732-9921
- 453rd AAA AW Bn.** (Sept-Lewistown, MT) James Dalton, Rt. 9, Box 165, Morgantown, WV 26505 (304) 291-0521
- 457th Amph. Truck Co.** (Sept-Los Angeles) Kenneth Oliver, 26430 Gimlet Dr., New Hall, CA 91321 (805) 252-5601
- 463rd AAA AW Bn., 79th Div.** (Aug-Nashville, TN) J.B. Smith, 420 Jewell Ct., El Paso, TX 79927 (915) 852-9111
- 472nd FA/FA Para-Glider Bn.** (July-Columbus, OH) Julian Panek, 3334 Demmler St., McKeesport, PA 15131
- 480th AAA Bn.** (July-Palmerton, PA) Samuel George, Rt. 1, Box 1788, Palmerton, PA 18071 (215) 681-4500
- 487th AAA Bn., B Btry.** (Oct-Irving, TX) Cleetus Goss, 5043 Brillo St., San Diego, CA 92117 (619) 272-5480
- 489th Port Bn.** (Aug-St. Louis) William Lackey, 752 N. 9th St., Wood River, IL 62095 (618) 258-1911
- 505th MP Bn. (WWII)** (Sept-Virginia Beach, VA) Vincent Petring, 55 Bradshaw St., Medford, MA 02155 (617) 391-4385
- 506th P.I.R. (Five-O-Sink)** (Aug-Milwaukee, WI) George Vanderslice, 3417 Tudor St., Philadelphia, PA 19136
- 522nd Ord. Co.** (July-Oakbrook, IL) Jerome Johnson, 1013 Arbor Ln., Glenview, IL 60025
- 532nd EB&SR** (Sept-Champaign, IL) Dennis Gunning, 1210 Centennial Dr., Champaign, IL 61821
- 532nd EBSR, E Co.** (Aug-Melrose, MN) Raymond Jeske, 5790 Echo Rd., Excelsior, MN 55331 (612) 474-9204
- 534th AAA AW Bn.** (Aug-Phoenix, AZ) H.A. Schlotzauer, 1934 E. Palo Verde Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85016 (602) 265-3829
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- 544th E.B. & S.R. Co. B** (Oct-New Orleans, LA) Melvin Elliott, 1429 Crescent Ave., Lockport, LA 70374 (504) 523-2547
- 547th Engr. (C) Bn.** (Aug-St. Louis) Ken Derringer, Rt. 3, Box 50A, Tomah, WI 54660 (608) 372-5500
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- 555th Heavy Pontoon Bn.** (May-Green Bay, WI) Norbert Palubicki, 720 S. Irwin Ave., Green Bay, WI 54301 (414) 432-4272
- 555th Ord. HM (tk) Co.** (Sept-Perrysburg, OH) Dale Johnson, 2285 E. Township Rd. 122, Tiffin, OH 44883 (419) 447-8838
- 558th Ord. HM Co. (Tank)** (Sept-Lansing, IL) Charles Raksanyi Jr., 8142 Van Buren Ave., Munster, IN 46321 (219) 836-5436
- 565th AAA AW Bn.** (Sept-Hot Springs, AR) George Harber, 2781 Pierce Dr. No., Macon, GA 31204 (912) 743-7531
- 586th AAA AW Bn., D Btry.** (Oct-Des Moines, IA) Orlo Joy, 51459 Elm Rd., Granger, IN 46530 (219) 272-1557
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- 696/697th Engr. P.D. Cos.** (Oct-Ft. Worth, TX) William Trethewey, 5405 Cumberland Rd., Minneapolis, MN 55410 (612) 926-0531
- 701st Tank Destroyer Bn. (WWII)** (Sept-Owensboro, KY) George Seward, 3878 East 50 North, Kokomo, IN 46901 (317) 457-6979
- 702nd T.D. Bn., C Co.** (Aug-Wyomissing, PA) Fred Schaich, 3406 McKently St., Laureldale, PA 19605 (215) 929-0063
- 709th Tank Bn. (WWII)** (Sept-Louisville, KY) Paul Claster, 19 Towne Terr. Apts., Middletown, NY 10940 (914) 343-4879
- 721st Engr. Dpt. Co.** (Sept-Canandaigua, NY) Al Bartoszek, 35 Ashford Pl., Depew, NY 14043 (716) 683-4808
- 724th T.R.O.B. (Korea)** (Oct-Brandywine, DE) Lynn Moore, 491 Conarroe St., Philadelphia, PA 19128 (215) 482-1795
- 736th Med. Tank Bn. Sp.** (Sept-Louisville, KY) O.V. Coffman, 3404 Burrell Dr., Louisville, KY 40216 (502) 448-2845
- 736th Tank Bn., A Co.** (Aug-Seymour, IN) Richard Steeb, Rt. 1, Box 107A, Paris Crossing, IN 47270 (812) 873-6667
- 746th Heavy Shop Co.** (Aug-Becker, MN) Jim Hunter, 421 Park Ave. W., Big Lake, MN 55309 (612) 263-7164
- 753rd Railway Shop Bn.** (June-Bucyrus, OH) Ray Little, Box 515, Huron, OH 44839 (419) 433-4336
- 755th Tank Bn.** (July-Houston) Alvin Schindler, 4201 N. Halsey St., Victoria, TX 77901 (512) 573-3608
- 764th Ry. Shop Bn.** (July-Bucyrus, OH) Louis Golia, 629 Sura Ln., Vernon, PA 15147 (412) 793-2938
- 765th TRSB (Korea)** (Sept-New Orleans, LA) Frank Rocha, 1315 Clearview Ave., Parma, OH 44134 (216) 749-6094
- 769th MP Bn., A Co.** (Sept-Pigeon Forge, TN) William Parrish, 110 Beechwood Dr., Madison Hts., VA 24572 (804) 846-7200
- 771st T.D. Bn.** (Oct-Kiamesha Lake, NY) Joe Klein, Box 338, Rock Hill, NY 12775 (914) 796-3508
- 778th Tank Bn. (WWII)** (Sept-Myrtle Beach, SC) George Nicholson, 1321 E. Douglas St., Goshen, IN 46526 (219) 533-8576
- 780th F.A. Bn. (Korea)** (July-Nacogdoches, TX) Jesse Hartless, 7518 North St., Nacogdoches, TX 75961 (409) 564-4579
- 795th AAA AW Bn.** (Sept-Nashville, TN) C. David Burns, 103 Center, Maquoketa, IA 52060 (319) 652-2165
- 802nd Engr. Bn.** (Aug-Las Vegas, NV) Raymond Griffith, Cooper Ln., Box F433, Rt. 3, Chester, NJ 07930 (201) 879-5687
- 806th Tank Destroyer Bn.** (Sept-Killeen, TX) Richard Allen, 13021 Cross Creek Blvd. S.E., #1234, Ft. Myers, FL 33912
- 809th AVN Engr. Bn. (WWII)** (Sept-Catskill, NY) John Hazuka, 144 Stevenson Rd., Westbrook, CT 06498 (203) 399-9269
- 809th T.D. Bn.** (Sept-Altoona, PA) Galen Baker, 13 Grandview Trailer Ct., Duncansville, PA 16635 (814) 695-5043
- 813th Base Dpt.** (Aug-Columbus, OH) C. Mileusnick, 1290 Moler Rd., Columbus, OH 43207 (614) 444-9716
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- 845th Ord. Dpt. Co.** (July-Indianapolis) Ed Ratliff, 2016 N. Maplewood Ave., Muncie, IN 47304
- 880th FA Bn., 69th Inf. Div., Btry. A** (Sept-Florence, KY) John Barnett, 6374 Brandywine Trl., Norcross, GA 30092 (404) 448-6513
- 892nd Ord. HAM Co.** (Aug-Idaho Falls, ID) Kenneth Cunningham, 945 John Adams Pkwy., Idaho Falls, ID 83401 (208) 523-0562
- 945th F.A. Bn.** (Sept-Davenport, IA) George Buck, 726 50th St., Des Moines, IA 50312 (515) 255-4269
- 957th F.A. Bn. (June-Fargo, ND)** George Fowler, Box 2342, Fargo, ND 58108
- 965th F.A. Bn.** (Sept-Northampton, MA) Mike O'Connor, 17 Warren St., Florence, MA 01060 (413) 584-4646
- 993rd Engr. Treadway Bridge Co.** (Sept-Manhattan, KS) J.J. Vacek, 910 Wildcat Ridge, Manhattan, KS 66502
- 1056th Engrs. (WWII)** (Sept-Cleveland) Thomas Finnegan, 420 S. Webster Ave., Scranton, PA 18505 (717) 344-6966
- 1647th Ord. MM Co. (WWII)** (Sept-Lake of the Ozarks, MO) Frederick Hansen, 1609 S. Irene St., Sioux City, IA 51106 (712) 276-9090
- 1981st QM Trk. Co. (WWII)** (Sept-Kansas City, MO) Charles Meade, 503 Bowen Dr., Raymore, MO 64083 (816) 331-5179
- 3187th Signal Serv. Bn.** (Aug-Kansas City, MO) E.D. Landau, 1735 1st Ave. E., Horton, KS 66439 (913) 486-3974
- 3482nd Ord. HAM Co. (WWII)** (Aug-Greenville, SC) Othel Adams, 819 Vannah Ave., Louisville, KY 40223 (502) 245-4325
- 3515th Ord. MAM Co.** (Sept-Indianapolis) Morris Chambers, 5106 Manwing Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46208 (317) 293-1208
- 3769th QM Trk. Co.** (July-Williamsburg, VA) Martin Lowe, 805 W. Hillwood, Nashville, TN 37205 (615) 352-5115
- Air Weather Assn.** (Fall-San Antonio, TX) John Collens, 5301 Reservation Rd., Placerville, CA 95667 (916) 677-2100
- APO 724/Alaska Hwy.** (Sept-San Antonio, TX) Archie Lawler, 2645 S. Garfield Way, Denver, CO 80210 (303) 756-3485
- Army Otter-Caribou Assn.** (Aug-Seattle) Bill Hooks, 6813 Brewster Dr., Columbus, GA 31904 (404) 324-1596
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- IV Corps HQs Assn.** (May-Jacksonville, FL) Sam Dunn, Box 749, Baxley, GA 31513 (912) 367-4789
- Merrill's Marauders Assn.** (Sept-Louisville, KY) Raymond Lyons, 11244 N. 33rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85028
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- US Horse Cav. Assn.** (Oct-Junction City, KS) USHCA HQS., Box 6253, Fort Bliss, TX 79906 (915) 562-8818
- XIII Corps Assn. (All Ranks)** (Aug-Cincinnati) John Bitting, 10104 Quinby St., Silver Spring, MD 20901 (301) 593-8919
- XXI Corps, R&D Assn. (WWII)** (Oct-Yorktown, VA) Don Seedborg, 1915 Cedar Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806 (213) 591-4075

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37th Spec. Seabees (WWII) (Sept-Chattanooga, TN) Ralph Burnett, Box 130, Gruetli-Laager, TN 37339 (615) 779-3173

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USS Boxer & Air Grps. (Sept-Milwaukee, WI) Hank Wilson, 1301 N. Kokomo, Derby, KS 67037 (316) 788-4560

USS Briareus AR 12 (WWII/Korea) (Oct-Virginia Beach, VA) Robert Amos, 27 Winthrop Rd., Somerset, NJ 08873 (201) 249-4166

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USS Cape Esperance TCVE 88 (June-Bartow, FL) Stephen Baran, 2686 Hearthstone Cir., Marietta, GA 30062 (404) 998-3006

USS Capps DD550 (WWII) (Sept-Orlando, FL) P.G. Hoffman, 2800 Norris Ave., Orlando, FL 32803 (407) 644-4023

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USS Dixie AD 14 (Sept-Scottsdale, AZ) J.E. Robbins, 8555 E. Turney Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 (602) 947-9076

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USS Edwards DD 619 (Nov-Lake Buena Vista, FL) Barney Weinhardt, 223 W. Washington Ave., Jackson, MI 49201 (517) 782-1359

USS Elchenberger DE 202 (Sept-Patriots Pointe, NC) Edward Wilson, 2209 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46201 (317) 637-9307

USS Everett F. Larson DD 830 (Oct-Syracuse, NY) Angelo Temperato, 125 River St., Avon, NY 14414 (716) 226-2251

USS Everglades AD 24/Currituck AV 7/Torpedomen's Mates (Sept-Phoenix, AZ) John Smith, Box 985, Overgaard, AZ 85933 (602) 535-5009

USS Farenholz DD 491 (Sept-Burlingame, CA) S.R. Garcia, 3362 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051 (408) 243-1390

USS Fletcher DD/DDE 445 (Sept-Sacramento, CA) Edward Horsman, 313 Deers Head Blvd., Salisbury, MD 21801 (301) 742-0276

USS Frybarger DE/DEC 705 (Oct-Orlando, FL) Alex Boyd, 5107 Bryce Ln., Richmond, VA 23224 (804) 233-0581

USS George Breman DE 104 (Sept-Charleston, SC) J.M. Miller, 3122 W. Rochelle Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53209 (414) 352-1689

USS Guam CB 2 (Aug-Buffalo, NY) Joseph Lodestro, 19 Homestead St., Falconer, NY 14733 (716) 665-5589

USS Haggard DD 555 (Oct-Portsmouth, VA) J.F. Turner, Rt. 4, Box 274, Smithfield, VA 23430 (804) 357-4225

USS Hancock CV/CVA 19 (June-Las Vegas, NV) Charles Boyst, 1801 W. Bend Ct., Clemmons, NC 27012 (919) 945-9264

USS Harding DD 625/DMS 28 (Sept-Sheboygan, WI) G.T. Watson, Box 13A, McDaniel, MD 21647 (301) 745-9725

USS Hinsdale APA 120 (Sept-St. Louis) Maynard Meserve, 9 Dana St., Gorham, ME 04038 (207) 839-3754

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USS Ira Jeffery DE 63/APD 44 (Aug-Buffalo, NY) Paul Grosse, 14 Applewood Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (716) 634-0328

USS Jack W. Wilke EDE 800 (Sept-Charleston, SC) Glen Hunter, Box 141, Cottekill, NY 12419 (914) 687-0992

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- USS S 45 (S156)** (Sept-Silverdale, WA) R.H. Lemagie, 12921 97th Ave. N.W., Gig Harbor, WA 98335 (206) 857-6717
- USS Sabine AO 25** (Oct-Memphis, TN) Dick Fahler, Rt. 1, Box 31, Star City, IN 46985 (219) 595-7761
- USS San Juan** (Oct-Tampa, FL) Bill Carpenter, 1119 Aquia Dr., Stafford, VA 22554 (703) 659-4774
- USS Selfridge DD 357** (Sept-Springfield, MO) C.E. Chambers, 551 E. Jefferson Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70605 (318) 477-1567
- USS Sevier APA 233 (WWII)** (Sept-New Orleans) Buford Richardson, 4540 Winnebago St., Baton Rouge, LA 70805 (504) 355-0408
- USS Slatier DE 766** (May-Nashville, TN) Charles Lewis, Box 246, Wrens, GA 30833
- USS St. Lo CVE 63/VC 65** (Oct-Minneapolis, MN) E.H. Crawford, 1910 Windors Way, Reno, NV 89503 (702) 747-0884
- USS Sterlet SS 392** (Aug-Reno, NV) Robert Barker, Box 148, Mountain City, NV 89831 (702) 763-6662
- USS Sussex AK 213** (Sept-Seattle, WA) Don English, Box 20968, Portland, OR 97220 (503) 252-4601
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- USS U.S. Grant AP 29, 5th Div.** (June-Ocean Shore, WA) Harold Howard, Box 39, Elmira, OR 97437
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- USS West Point AP 23 (WWII)** (Sept-Norfolk, VA) John Daniel, 3728 S. Fuller, Independence, MO 64052
- USS Whitehurst DE 634** (June-Knoxville, TN) Roy Graham, Rt. 12, Box 258, Morgantown, WV 26505 (304) 594-1986
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- Air Force**
- 1st Radio Sq. (Peterson Fld.)** (Sept-Dayton, OH) Horace Moore, Box 736, Rosebud, TX 76570 (817) 583-4300
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keep that fire alive in us, we will continue to serve."

The rally then took a hard-charging turn as Gierke and Auxiliary Nat'l President Alice Galka urged their memberships to become involved in their communities to bolster membership.

"We're going all the way to the top," Gierke said. "We will be 3 million strong when the gavel falls to open the 1989 National Convention in Baltimore." With a rousing brass band from George Washington University playing in the background and the school's peppy cheerleaders encouraging bluecappers to their feet, Gierke reappeared on the dais in a sweatshirt and baseball cap. The commander and Jack Williams, a membership representative from National Headquarters "coached" Legionnaires on how they could become "first-string players" and boost the organization to its 3 million-member goal.

Other conference highlights included special awards to Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi, chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee; Rep. Gerald Solomon of New York, former ranking minority member of the committee; and country music star Lee Greenwood.

Montgomery received The American Legion Distinguished Public Service Award for consistent leadership in fighting for adequate funding for veterans' benefits and services. In accepting the honor, Montgomery said the proposed 1990 VA budget was woefully inadequate. "We need help and we need it right now," he told the Legionnaires. "What started out with a slow trickle of veterans being turned away at hospitals now has become a steady stream."

Solomon was honored with The American Legion Legislative Award for his continued leadership in support of veterans' issues, especially his untiring efforts to gain Cabinet status for the VA. "Veterans have earned the right to be heard at the highest level of American government, and now finally they will," Solomon said.

Greenwood was given the 1989 National Commander's Public Relations Award for his patriotic service to America. Known for his chart-busting hit, "God Bless the USA," Greenwood was recognized for his work with the USO and his support of the Vietnam POW-MIAs.

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just weeks before his kidnapping.

"He was at the end of his tether," Moynihan said. "He was visibly exhausted and clearly knew what danger he was in."

Moynihan, with benefit of hindsight, said he regrets he didn't urge CIA director William Casey to "pull this poor guy out of there."

Hammond, Buckley's sweetheart, recalled that in his infrequent telephone calls to her North Carolina home, he had become "more caustic."

In one call, Buckley told her he had been on the beach helping evacuate Americans from Beirut. Fearing any public exposure, he asked if she had seen him on television. She said no.

"Good," he replied.

In another call, just weeks before he was abducted, Buckley told Hammond that a bomb had gone off near his apartment.

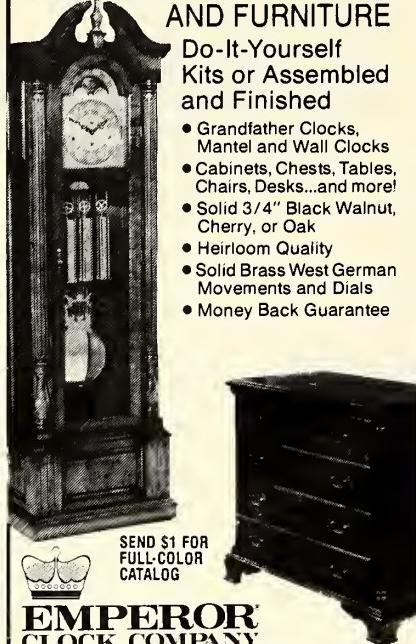
"It made him crazy," she said. "The glass was shattered, and he was really mad about it. He's a very neat person, you see."

"He told me that he know who did it and he would get the bastards."

One of Buckley's CIA colleagues, when told of Hammond's and Moynihan's

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han's remarks, shook his head, saying:

"That's not the William Buckley I knew from Vietnam. Then he was a very cautious man who stood up well under pressure. He had a high tolerance for pressure and danger."

The attack on his apartment complex, White House sources said, confirmed Buckley's fears: Hezbollah knew he was a spy and was gunning for him.

The blast prompted Buckley to ask urgently for reassignment.

Within days, Buckley received "wonderful news," said Hammond.

"He wrote me he was going to get to come home early. They had shortened his stay. He was led to believe he'd be home sometime in the summer," she said.

"He was very happy about it."

To celebrate, she bought an old farmhouse in North Carolina where they had once stayed.

"It was going to be a surprise when he got back."

William Buckley never saw the farmhouse again.

For at 7:30 a.m., on Friday, March 16, 1984, as Buckley headed for work behind the wheel of his beige Honda automobile, a white Renault with three masked gunmen inside blocked Buckley's driveway. A man wearing a bandana mask leaped from the Renault and pointed a pistol at Buckley's head.

William Buckley, CIA director in Lebanon, was now a prisoner of the Hezbollah.

From Beirut to Washington, Buckley's colleagues were shocked. Why was it so easy for his abductors, they asked.

Like all undercover agents, Buckley was schooled in CIA techniques for preventing a kidnap or assassination.

He was always in radio contact with a back-up security car.

HE CHANGED the pattern of his movements every day and kept a low public profile.

Did Buckley alert his back-up that he was in trouble that morning?

If so, why didn't the security car respond?

Why was there no bodyguard in Buckley's car?

Answers to these questions have yet to be revealed. But a CIA investigation shows that Buckley had been followed for several weeks before the abduction.

Buckley's 15 months of captivity—from Lebanon, to Syria, to Iran—were "awful to say the least," Lt. Col. Oliver North told House-Senate investigators.

Here—from Post interviews with current and former administration officials, U.S. intelligence sources, anti-terror experts, State Department officials, former Buckley colleagues, congressional probers, and a former hostage—is the most up-to-date account of what has been pieced together about Buckley's ordeal.

For three months, his Hezbollah captors held Buckley in a makeshift prison at the headquarters of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard in Baalbek in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

Every day, he was harshly interrogated, kicked, bludgeoned and sexually abused. However, he did not break in Bekaa, the CIA believes.

Buckley was shipped out of Lebanon in a coffin, the CIA was told, delivered to Syria with bodies of Syrian war dead.

He was immediately flown to Qum, Iran's spiritual capital and the hometown of the Ayatollah Khomeini. Again, Buckley was tortured.

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said one official who has seen the intelligence reports.

Finally, after weeks of agony, Buckley gave his captors what they wanted. On audio tapes, he revealed to Iranian security agents details of U.S. intelligence capabilities and operations in the Middle East.

By this time, Buckley had suffered serious internal injuries. His ribs were smashed. His legs and feet were broken. He was put in a hospital—but only briefly.

By the end of 1984, Buckley was back in Lebanon—an empty shell of a man in desperate need of proper medical care. In Lebanon, he joined three other hostages as pawns in what became a deadly chess match with the White House.

In January 1985, in a videotape that made his Washington colleagues weep, a gaunt Buckley urged that "our government take action for our release quickly."

By May, the number of hostages with Buckley in Lebanon had grown to seven. They were shuttled from prison to prison, sometimes to the Bekaa Valley, sometimes to the southern suburbs of Beirut.

Among the captives was the Rev. Lawrence Jenco, a priest who headed Catholic Relief Services in Beirut.

Father Jenco, 52, was released in 1986 as a result of the U.S.-Iranian arms deal—a scheme pushed by CIA director William Casey to free Buckley, his agent and his friend.

For six months, Jenco shared the hell of captivity with the dying Buckley.

"We all got sick, but Mr. Buckley was worse than anyone else," Jenco said.

Beatings were frequent, but the hostages received no medical attention. Their only food was rice and beans, bread and water. Occasionally, they were given cheese.

Day and night, they were kept chained by their ankles to a wall.

Nearly always, they were blindfolded so they could not see their tormentors.

Later Buckley was ordered to "confess" he was a CIA spy.

Too weak to fight, Buckley tried to oblige. But his hand shook so much that he couldn't write out his confession. Hostage Thomas Sutherland had to write for him.

"Sutherland told me the confession was sort of basic and routine," said Jenco. "It certainly wasn't anything that would make a great spy novel."

Buckley's condition deteriorated. His breaths grew shorter, his coughing longer and his vomiting even more frequent.

Toward the end, he was gripped by a high fever. He pleaded for liquids, but his captors refused.

"They were just kids," said Jenco of Buckley's guards.

Later, when Buckley was unable to eat, the "kids" tried to force-feed him. One day, Buckley could not swallow the bread they pushed at him. Delirious, he said, "I'd like some poached eggs on toast, please," Jenco recalls.

Buckley never asked for spiritual guidance or last rites, even though he knew he was dying, said Jenco.

Instead, William Buckley, a professional survivor painfully aware he had broken under torture, expressed only bitterness.

"My God," he told Jenco, "I've been through so much. Why this?"

One day in June, Jenco was lying blindfolded in his cubicle when he heard sounds of someone being dragged outside.

"I asked one of the kids what happened to my American brother," Jenco recalled, "and he said to me: 'He went to a better place where there is sunshine.'"

"Eventually, he told me Mr. Buckley had died." □

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ADVERTISING

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Q. Looking at the monstrous budget deficits, some people have suggested taxing advertisers to help bring in more government revenue. What would this do to your field?

That is the antithesis of what should **A.** be done because advertising is a catalyst, a stimulus, a variable in the economic equation. It has been proven time and again that levels of advertising have incremental effects on the sales of various products and services. So to impose a tax on speech—aside from the constitutional First Amendment ramifications—would slow down the economy. I am firmly convinced that any tax of advertising would do this because manufacturers are not going to increase their budgets to compensate for the additional cost of a tax on advertising. So if there were such a tax, it would have to come out of an ad budget. Thus, the net effect would be to reduce levels of advertising, which can result in a smaller GNP, less production, less manufacturing, more unemployment and less tax revenue through normal methods of taxation. The whole thing would be counterproductive.

Q. How serious a problem is deceptive advertising, and what can people do to protect themselves against such practices?

By and large the deceptive advertising that occurs in the marketplace is not advertising conducted by national or even regional advertisers. Deceptive advertising in general gives everybody a black eye. As to what the public can do, there are the local councils of the Better Business Bureau that act very much in the public interest and consumers' interest.

Also, one of the most effective things that people can do if they feel that a manufacturer's advertising does not fairly represent the product is communicate with the advertiser. Advertisers are very sensitive to consumer correspondence and complaints, and they don't usually go unanswered. The consumer has the opportunity to speak up directly with the company involved.

Q. Does the ad business attempt to discipline itself?

A. The Association of National Advertisers along with the American Association of Advertising Agencies

and American Advertising Federation and the Council of Better Business Bureaus set up a self-regulation mechanism that reviews complaints one advertiser may have about another's advertising. Those complaints are responded to diligently. The final court of appeals, so to speak, is to take that complaint forward to the Federal Trade Commission for adjudication. That has never happened, because the system has been very effective.

Q. Is there excessive government regulation of advertising?

At the moment there are threats of **A.** excessive regulation of advertising, particularly in the categories of tobacco and alcohol. We have seen the National Association of Attorney Generals move in with guidelines for airlines and rental cars. Now they are looking at certain categories of food products. Advertising has become, unfortunately, something of a whipping-boy for the regulator. It is my theory that because of the limitations the budget deficit and Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law place on spending, some legislators have had to find other ways of appealing for votes than by spending. The advertiser who advertises certain categories of goods can always be a popular whipping-boy.

Q. Some of the most entertaining ads on television are beer and wine commercials. Yet a lot of people urge an end to this advertising. How do you react to that?

I maintain that as long as a product **A.** is legally available for sale or consumption and is truthfully and non-deceptively advertised, then it is entitled to the constitutional protection of the First Amendment. In the case of beer, there is an age restriction on its purchase, and whether that is too low or too high I am not going to debate. But in my own opinion, the people who oppose the consumption of alcohol have a problem when people can serve in the military at age 18 but are not able to buy beer until they're 21. In a situation of national emergency, we might have to relax that a little bit.

The problem I have with censorship or attempted censorship is that there are groups of people, however well-meaning, who are really trying to regulate or influence other people's behavior by using advertising as a scapegoat. That concerns not just tobacco and alcohol, but other categories of goods and services as well.

Q. Opinion polls regularly place ad people near the bottom of professions

in terms of public regard and ethics. Do you deserve it?

A. No. That is a cross we should not have to bear. I think that stems from the fact that the public by and large does not understand advertising. Advertising is not chicanery. Advertising as it is practiced today by responsible advertisers is both an art and a science that requires extensive research to be successful and to work effectively in the marketplace. I also believe our image is improving some.

I think the consumer advocates have had a lot to do with any negative image that advertising has. The inference is that advertising can sell anybody anything. I don't subscribe to that at all. There is a judgment factor that all of us have when we put our money on the line for something. An initial sale can be made but if the product or service doesn't perform, the repeat business is not there. Nobody can survive in the business world today on the basis of a one-time sale. The repeat business and brand loyalty is what builds market share.

Q. What ratio of advertising is devoted to public service ads such as promoting savings bonds, crime prevention and groups that fulfill public and charitable needs?

The Advertising Council alone **A.** sponsors ads costing more than \$1 billion now, which makes it one of the top two or three advertisers. Some 32 or 33 active campaigns under way include "Drinking and Driving Can Kill a Friendship," "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste," "Just Say No," and "Buckle Your Safety Belt." This is a media contribution to the public interest, but beyond that are the agency and advertiser representatives who spend their time voluntarily getting this advertising written, produced and ready to put either on the air or in print.

Q. To what extent are our political freedoms tied in with the freedom to advertise?

A. I see them very much in parallel because there is a flip side to the freedom to advertise, which is the right to receive information. It's tied inseparably to our political system. If the consumer is entitled to receive information freely, then the advertiser also has to be free to disseminate truthful information. The two are inseparable, and collectively provide the standard of living we have in this country. You couldn't have a free economy and free markets without the freedom to advertise.

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SENIORS IRATE

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I left the room several times. Only Ruth persevered.

A year and a half later, I stood in the receiving line at my wedding in another Midwestern city. As my attention drifted, my gaze moved down the line and fell on Clarence and Ruth. I was overcome with unimaginable pain. Only Ruth's gritty smile helped me pull myself together.

The legacy of what Mike and I had in Vietnam is unfulfilled if left only to Mike's name etched on a black granite slab of the Vietnam Memorial and to my moving on with my life. However, Memorial Days since Mike died have only served to sharpen the pain.

Mike and I cannot let go of each other. Nor do we want to. However, the effort to maintain our friendship strains me. I'm alive. Mike's realities cannot develop and change alongside mine.

Is our dilemma that of all Americans after Vietnam—either forget about it or be damned to wallow in it? I would prefer to understand and accept what happened as well as to learn and to grow from the experience. To do that, I realize, means I must share my experience as fully as I can with you and invite your interest and questions. Ask me about Mike Warren, even if it hurts both of us. Beyond that, we must work through the implications, both personal and societal, of the Vietnam experience. I cannot understand and accept Grenada, Lebanon and El Salvador. My reasons go far beyond what happened to Mike Warren. But that is a start.

This Memorial Day, as on all since 1968, a picture of Mike and me, well worn by now, sits on my dresser. As on the day we first met, his helmet and flak jacket are on straight and buttoned; I'm unshaven, without a helmet, and my flak jacket is open. This year, as last, I will visit with him at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. But I can't call Mike long distance and tell him how I feel—how all of us have lost something in the aftermath of Vietnam and the divisiveness of the '60s. Perhaps it was the capacity to care for each other in a special way. This Memorial Day, Mike and I thought that our friendship might do for you what it did for us: we were enriched with a deep understanding of the value of human life and I with an understanding of the absolute cost of its loss in wars of any kind. □

taxed by Social Security programs.

Dr. Marvin S. Wool, medical director of Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass., said a review of the Senior Plan (HMO) at his clinic indicated that the costly new catastrophic coverage will benefit only a minority of those on Medicare.

Wool said that in 1987 only 1 percent of the 1,300 members in the Senior Plan had total acute-hospital stays more than 60 days; only 1 percent had medical expense more than \$5,000 and only 10 percent had multiple admissions that would have qualified them for significant benefits under the program. Wool said the cruellest deception of the law is that it "does not address costs of Medicare recipients most susceptible to true economic catastrophe"—the 1.5 million receiving custodial care in nursing homes at any given time.

Some key backers of the law have shown no willingness to lead a movement to revamp or repeal it. Bentsen, who played a leading role in the passage of the law, strongly opposed a roll back of the Medicare premium surcharges Congress approved last year.

"A very vocal minority is sounding off," Bentsen said at a Capitol Hill press conference. "What you have is wealthier people not wanting to pay the additional premium and wanting it to be more heavily subsidized by other taxpayers."

However, by mid-January the protests already had resulted in a half-dozen bills to delay, change or repeal the law. Among them is H.R. 63, sponsored by Rep. Bill Archer of Texas, the ranking minority member on the House Ways and Means Committee, which would delay the phase-in of the program and create a commission to review the benefits and financing.

Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts has introduced legislation to repeal the additional monthly Medicare Part B premium increases of the new catastrophic health law and to freeze the Part A surtax rate and cap at the 1989 level, with the cap subject to an annual inflation adjustment. Frank's legislation would make up the lost revenue by doubling the current 16-cents-per-pack federal tax on cigarettes. "Because people who smoke cigarettes will, on the whole, require far more medical treatment during their lives, this seems a fair way to raise revenue for health care," he said. □

FEAR OF FLYING

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More help comes from the Institute for Psychology of Air Travel in Boston, which will mail a packet of information upon request, including a list of 20 clinics and classes across the United States. Also available is a book titled "Fearless Flying," by Dr. Albert Forgone, a home-study course, and classes scheduled in cities not served by USAir.

One treatment for flight-phobia that has been successful for Dr. Joe Mallet, a clinical psychologist, is hypnosis. He told of a patient who had been terrified of flying but had been cured after two hypnosis sessions.

Unique among flight-phobia cures, though, is a technique developed by psychologist Dr. Roger Callahan. He has demonstrated countless times on television that he can cure any phobia, including aerophobia, simply by tapping his fingers—in a variation of Chinese acupressure—under the subject's eyes.

His system has its skeptics, of course, but one of them is certainly not Bill Parry, a bass fiddler who has backed up the Righteous Brothers and others. "We had to fly hundreds of miles, and everyone was a nightmare," he said. "The whole time I was gone I was worrying about flying back. It was actually a relief when the Righteous Brothers broke up. No more flying."

Callahan's five-minute treatment cured Parry; he now flies relaxed.

Said Callahan: "We've been conditioned to believe that treatments that work take a long time. I see the patient only once."

As more aerophobiacs seek help from Callahan, airlines clinics and others, America may see more fearful flyers become frequent flyers. □

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Joe C. Spurlock, TX Department Commander (1949-50), Department Vice Commander (1948-49).

Charles Edmund Thompson Jr., NC Department Commander (1969-70), Department Vice Commander (1968-69).

COLD WAR

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latter outcome, because success appears to demand a radically revised Soviet system. Many observers no longer doubt the sincerity of Gorbachev's efforts to achieve that goal, although they harbor doubts about the feasibility.

Although we cannot know the outcome, we should know which one we prefer: a more open, pragmatic and peaceful USSR. The costs of failure are high, so we should do all we can to encourage a favorable evolution and positive, verifiable arms-control procedures. But the risks of betting the farm on that outcome could be even higher if we allow our defenses and alliances to erode in anticipation.

It seems clear that the West in general and the United States in particular need a two-track policy toward the Soviet Union. The first track would encourage *perestroika*, and even reward progress by assisting with trade and credits, excluding strategic military technology. It also would undertake serious probes of further arms-control possibilities, especially on conventional forces in Europe, through imaginative initiatives rather than just reacting to the East's proposals. The second track would maintain a strong, cost-effective, military deterrent. Also, it would include a better mobilization base as insurance, and an alliance that would honor both NATO commitments and existing guidelines about keeping trade and credits with the East on a commercial basis, as well as controlling strategic transfers.

Such a common-sense approach begs an important question: Can the West sustain such a two-track approach over the time necessary for the Soviet evolution to take a more definitive direction? Experts differ on the time involved. The estimates range from a couple of years to more than a decade.

Can American public opinion break its habit of seeing problems only in black-and-white terms such as viewing the Soviet Union as either an evil empire or as a friend, or can it learn to deal with a more complex and indeterminate set of relationships?

No one knows the answer, but America's ability to keep its "powder dry" while encouraging positive change may well determine the real meaning of the Gorbachev era for the United States and for the world. □

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The formula was then tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Goteborg. Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing this study, published in the British Journal of Nutrition, stated: "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in this study lost more than 30 pounds.

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MIDWAY

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defend against the attack. The fighter pilots were masterful, shooting the bulk of the attackers out of the sky, but six enemy bombers broke through to register three hits on the carrier. It soon became clear that the *Yorktown* had been mortally wounded; she would sink on the next day following a second attack. After the initial attack on the *Yorktown*, U.S. Navy dive bombers scored four direct hits on a fourth Japanese carrier, the *Hiryu*, sinking her.

Having sustained crushing losses, much of the fighting spirit seeped out of the enemy. Early on June 5 the Japanese commander, Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, issued orders for his fleet's withdrawal to the east. But during the disengagement phase of the battle, the U.S. Navy continued to seek out and attack enemy vessels, knocking out several ships including the heavy cruisers *Mogami* and *Mikuma*. After two days of intense aerial and naval warfare, the Battle of Midway had come to a close.

The cost to the Japanese was enormous: four aircraft carriers and two heavy cruisers were only part of the price they paid. In addition, they lost three destroyers, about 300 aircraft and more than 1,500 men. American losses were one aircraft carrier, one destroyer, 147 planes and 307 men. But beyond the enemy's losses in hardware and personnel, the grand strategic plan of the imperial headquarters was shattered.

The Battle of Midway forced Japan to abandon its objective of occupying Hawaii and posing a threat to the American mainland. It was a major turning point in the war in the Pacific. From then on the Japanese Imperial fleet would be forced to assume the discouraging task of fighting a defensive war at sea. Tokyo's dreams of seizing Hawaii, Fiji, New Caledonia and New Zealand faded.

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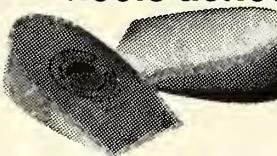
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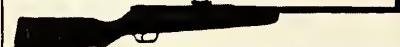
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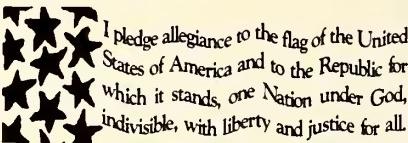


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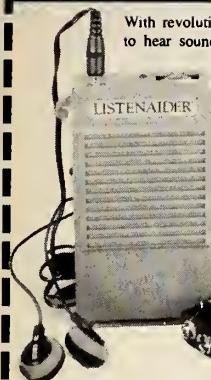
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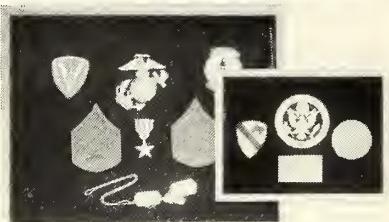
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Marine Corps Tanker Assn. (Sept-Oceanside, CA) Dave Zaslow, 817 Raintree Pl., Vista, CA 92084 (619) 758-0614

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LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



Ollie Smith Jr.



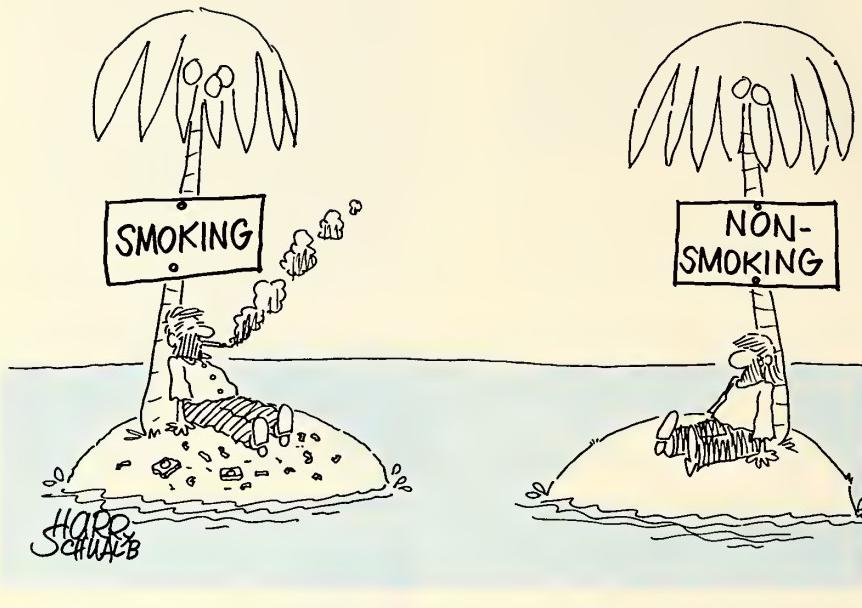
MEMORIAL Day is a day when America's hearts and thoughts turn to its war dead, a day when the lonely notes of "Taps" echo throughout the land. But for Ollie Smith Jr., demonstrating the meaning of that special day is a year-long commitment.

Smith, a member of Fairfield Post 11, Lancaster, Ohio, daily carries with him the spirit of Memorial Day and The American Legion. A member of the Legion for 66 continuous years, the 95-year-old Smith is a long-term member of the post's burial detail, firing the M-1 rifle in salute more than 250 times for veterans who have died.

A former post commander, Smith also is a perennial participant in patriotic parades, marching and wearing the Legion's blue cap with great pride. For 40 years, he served on the department's uniform group committee, which oversees parades, color guards and march competitions.

Smith, a World War I Army veteran, is a life member of the Legion, who was awarded the honor after his tour as post commander. And the years have not tempered his dedication to the principles and ideals of the Legion and his commitment to his community. Smith still attends post meetings on a regular basis and visits with shut-in veterans.

"Ollie is a tremendous inspiration to everyone who meets him," said Post 11 Cmdr. Wayne A. Wright. "He's what the Legion is all about." □



Cat Scan

Newspaper Advertisement: "Free kittens. Mother was Siamese and father was just passing through."

I. Boyett

Dog Hater

Witnessing an emergency outside her window, the woman dialed 911: "We need help here, right away!" The policeman on the other end said, "What's the problem, lady?"

"That awful new postman is in the tree in my front yard teasing my pit bull."

Susan Wiener

Going In Style

A high-powered divorce attorney was listening to his client. "My love, my money, the gifts I gave her," the man whined. "She took everything and drove away with it."

"The cad," the attorney replied.

"Oh, no," the client said. "She took the Chevy."

Martha Beckman

Fast Feline

Then there was the clever cat that ate cheese and breathed down the rat hole with baited breath.

M. Eyged

Unwanted Gain

A traveler was about to board a plane, but stopped long enough to take out a \$1 million life-insurance policy. On his way to the boarding gate, he stepped on a weight scale that also told his fortune. He cringed when he read the card: "Your recent investment will pay off today."

Morris B. White

"Adverse"-tising

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Imogene Ball

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Erin Diane

Lean Quisine

"My mother always offers me two choices for dinner," the little boy said to his playmate. "You're lucky," the playmate said.

"Yeah, my choice is to eat it or go to my room."

Fred Ignacio

Come See, Come Saw

A carpenter finished his work on a back porch for a customer on an agreed price. After the job was over, he handed the customer his bill. The customer inspected the work and asked the carpenter, "Aren't you going to saw wood for the hand rails? It's part of the porch."

"Hey, bud," the carpenter said. "I didn't bother to look at the railing when I gave you the price for the porch."

"But I saw you see it!" the customer protested.

"Maybe you saw me see it, but you aren't going to see me saw it."

Henry Boyce

Easy Rider

"Dad and I saw great scenery when we went for a car ride," the little boy told his mother. "We passed a moron, three fools and I forgot how many numbskulls."

Bobbie Mae Cooley

Belated Response

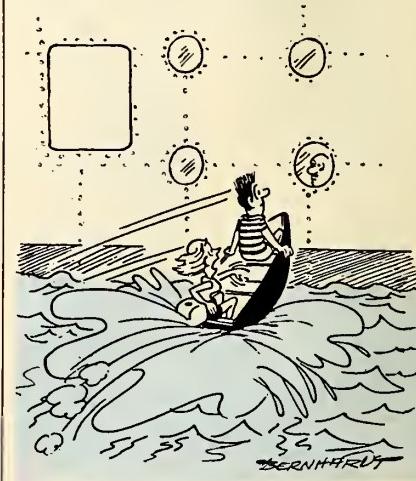
Sign on a hypochondriac's tombstone: I Told You I Was Ill.

Susanna Franks

Outspoken

His mind never knew what his mouth would say next.

Joni Cagle



"The brake—where's the brake?"

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